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'Yutu nearly as strong as Soudelor'

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Typhoon Yutu, which is right now barreling toward the Marianas and is expected to hit the region by late Wednesday or early Thursday, is currently on track to be the biggest typhoon Saipan has ever had since Super Typhoon Soudelor—a Category 5-equivalent storm.

According to the 8pm report from the National Weather Service in Guam last night, Yutu's track has shifted a little south. A typhoon warning is now in effect for Rota and a tropical storm warning is now in effect for Guam. Previously, the typhoon warning was only for Saipan and Tinian. A tropical storm watch remain in effect for Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan.

In an interview with Nadine Deleon Guerrero, public information officer of the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office, based on its current strength, Yutu is expected to be the biggest typhoon of the year and is comparable to the strength of Soudelor that devastated Saipan back in 2015.

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Shelters activated

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Both the Northern Marianas College and the Public School System cancelled classes while shelters were activated yesterday in anticipation of Typhoon Yutu.

In an announcement yesterday morning, PSS cancelled classes on all three islands starting at 11:30am; NMC followed suit later in the afternoon. Although NMC did not exactly specify it, PSS noted in a subsequent press release that schools would not continue without the "all-clear" signal from

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$3.48M retiree bonus out by week's end

The Department of Finance is set to release $3.48 million in bonus payments to be equally distributed to all retirees and beneficiaries by the end of the week.

In an announcement yesterday, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the progress of the CNMI economy has enabled the government to provide $3,484,693.88 as a bonus that will be equally distributed to retirees and their beneficiaries this year.

"For the last three years, we have

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Babauta seeks record of CCF payments

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The sole rival of the Torres-Palacios ticket is challenging the incumbent administration to show records of the annual Community Chest Fund payments of the sole casino operator on

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ROTA RECONSTRUCTION
Sailors assigned to Naval Reserve Defense Coordinating Element West and Navy Mobile Construction Battalion1, det. Guam, give a tour to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Oct. 20 of the reconstructed roofs on houses that were affected by Typhoon Mangkhut on Rota. NMCB 1, det. Guam, assigned to Commander, Task Force 75, is correlating with the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts, CNMI, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in rebuilding roofs for homes during disaster relief operations on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan after Typhoon Mangkhut hit in early September.
U.S. NAVY/MCS2 KELSEY J. HOCKENBERGER

NOTICE
Saipan Tribune **will not have any issue tomorrow, Oct. 25, due to Typhoon Yutu bearing down on Saipan. Please monitor updates on the typhoon and other news on www.saipantribune.com.**

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Probable cause found vs man in stabbing incident

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The Superior Court has found probable cause to warrant the filing of one of two charges against a man who allegedly stabbed another man for interfering in a theft.

During a preliminary hearing yesterday, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause to believe that 43-year-old Ken Matzue may have committed the crimes of assault with a dangerous weapon.

However, no probable cause was found to charge Matzue with disturbing the peace.

Matzue will be arraigned on Nov. 26 at 9am.

He is represented by Chief Public Defender Doug Hartig.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the Office of the Attorney General charged Matzue for allegedly stabbing a man who stopped him from stealing four cans of beer at the New Chang Ming store on Oct. 14, 2018.

Matzue, who is detained at the Department of Corrections, faces a bail of $15,000.

Matzue is prohibited from being near the victim and the New Chang Ming Market. He is also barred from traveling.

According to the Department of Public Safety, police responded to a report of a robbery and stabbing incident at New Chang Ming Market in Garapan on Sunday night, Oct. 14.

The report states that police arrived at the scene of the crime last Sunday at 6:59pm and found the victim with lacerations on his chest.

During an interview with the victim, he told police that Matzue came into the store and went straight to the chiller where the beer was. The victim said he allegedly saw Matzue place four cans of beer into his bag and walk over to the cash register with one beer in his hand.

The victim told police that he followed Matzue to the counter to ensure that he pays for the beers in his bag, but Matzue only paid for the one can he was holding in his hand.

After paying for the beer, the victim told Matzue to take out the four beers in his bag. When Matzue opened his bag, the victim took out the beers and did not realize that Matzue had pulled a knife out of his right pocket.

Matzue allegedly tried to stab the victim on his chest but the victim blocked the action and sustained a stab wound on the hand and small puncture wound in the chest.

The victim immediately ran away from Matzue, who then contacted 911 to report the incident.

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Lease signing for divert airfield will push through

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The signing of a lease agreement between the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. government for the U.S. Department of Defense's plan to put up a landing site—a divert airfield—for the U.S. Air Force on Tinian will push through on Tuesday.

In her invitation, CPA office manager/board secretary Jadene Villagomez said the signing of the lease agreement will be held at the Tinian International Airport's new departure terminal at 10am next week.

King-Hinds

CPA board airport facilities committee chair Barrie C. Toves said yesterday that they have come to an agreement to sign off on a 40-year lease with the Department of Defense for a certain amount of millions of dollars. He declined to specify the numbers at this time.

Toves said the exact cost of the lease will be disclosed to the public during a joint meeting of the airport facilities committee and the financial affairs committee chaired by Kimberlyn King-Hinds on Monday.

In July 2017, the U.S. Air Force disclosed during a public hearing on its proposed divert airfield layout plan that it would be plunking down an estimated $375 million to improve the Tinian International Airport by building additional facilities and infrastructure.

At the joint committee meeting to be held on Tinian on Monday, Toves said, they will discuss further details regarding the board meeting for the following day, Tuesday.

He said they will finalize the details of the agenda items that they are going to adopt the following day, Tuesday.

"This is history in the making," Toves said.

He said the lease agreement is a very good news, especially for the community on Tinian, as they will have enough funding now to address all the infrastructure requirements of the Tinian airport.

Toves said the Tinian leadership hopes it would lead to direct flights coming into the airport from Asian countries.

"They have been pushing for development of the runway and the terminal buildings. We anticipate that we will be able to address those issues with the money that is going to be agreed upon," he said.

Toves said one of the things that delayed the lease agreement is for the portion of the property on the north side or the opposite side of the airport departure area.

"That was the negotiation between CPA and the Department of Defense," he said, adding that the CPA board appointed King-Hinds to chair that negotiation committee.

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SHELTERS

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the Office of the Governor.

Besides NMC and PSS, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Women, Infants, and Children Office wrapped up morning appointments and rescheduled afternoon appointments yesterday. Both the WIC and the CHCC Dialysis Center are closed today. CHCC also announced that schedules for food handler certifications yesterday is rescheduled to Oct. 30, 2018, along with renewal schedules.

Acting interim Education commissioner Lynette Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that seven schools would be open for shelterees: Tanapag Middle School, which can accommodate 40; Kagman High School, which can accommodate 80; Koblerville Elementary School, which can accommodate 46; Marianas High School, which can accommodate 100; and Dandan Middle School, which can accommodate 60.

As of 7:34pm yesterday evening, there were nine shelterees at MHS, 40 at KES, and 22 at KHS.

Other shelters under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Office, like the Saipan Aging Office, was activated as early as yesterday afternoon.

The Kagman Community Center will also be activated, according to DCCA Secretary Robert Hunter, "…after the typhoon hits."

"We'll be opening that, depending on the need," he said. "…[It depends] on how many people need shelter—the short-term shelter would be active up to five to six days after the typhoon."

Hunter noted that, as soon as possible, the remaining shelterees in the Aging Office would be moving to the KCC if long-term shelter is needed.

"…Even shelterees under PSS, the HOPE Recovery Center, the Koblerville Youth Center, and anybody who might need shelter would eventually end up at the KCC," he said, adding that the decision would be made after the typhoon.

Since the onslaught of Typhoon Mangkhut in mid-September, shelterees were able to leave the shelter only two weeks ago, according to Hunter.

"We had 12 people [on Rota] and a family up until two weeks ago. We've had an active shelter operation going on since the last typhoon, so we are ready. We already have our shelter staff that lives there," he said, adding that Nutritional Assistance Program disaster food distributions have been ongoing to assist Mangkhut victims as they prepare for Yutu.

"We've been in a consistent kind of disaster mode since Mangkhut, so we are ready to go," he said.

Hunter told *Saipan Tribune* that, as far as DCCA is concerned, the Tinian Aging Office is available for shelter, while the Rota Aging Office was available for Rota. However, Hunter noted that opening shelters for residents depend on the mayors.

YUTU

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Soudelor had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph. Deleon Guerrero said that Typhoon Yutu is expected to bring maximum sustained winds of about 120 mph.

"Typhoon Yutu is actually the biggest storm we've had since Soudelor…It's going to be somewhere between Mangkhut for Rota and Soudelor for Saipan. …We are expecting a direct hit and we are expecting maximum sustained winds of 120 mph," she said.

This comes as Rota is still recovering from the onslaught of Typhoon Mangkhut, which hit the CNMI in September.

Typhoon Yutu was last seen moving west-northwest at 14 mph.

As of 5pm yesterday Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has upgraded Saipan and Tinian to Typhoon Condition 2, which means that damaging or destructive winds are expected in the next 24 hours.

"This storm is definitely picking up faster than expected but we have been monitoring it throughout the night. … We wanted to make sure that we gave ample amount of time for our community to be safe from the typhoon," Deleon Guerrero said.

Torres and Deleon Guerrero both urged the community to prepare as early as possible and not take Typhoon Yutu lightly.

"This is almost a near direct hit for the island of Saipan—not to alarm residents but to encourage people to start preparing…and we are encouraging all our residents not to take this lightly. I know we have had storms in previous months…but this is going to be the biggest," said Deleon Guerrero.

Initially Typhoon Yutu was forecasted to pass about 20 miles north of Saipan but, as of 3pm yesterday, the system was seen dipping south and moving closer to the island of Saipan.

CNMI HSEM initially forecasted that Yutu would make landfall Thursday evening but as of 2pm yesterday, destructive winds were seen to make landfall as early as Wednesday evening up until Thursday morning. The CNMI HSEM expects the closest point of approach Thursday morning.

"Just because we are expecting the CPA to hit us Thursday morning doesn't mean destructive winds are not going to be here. We can start expecting the wind to escalate as early as Wednesday afternoon," she said.

HSEM expects the most damaging hour to be Wednesday evening at around 8pm to 11pm on its current track and speed and to receive the all-clear from the Office of the Governor by Saturday.

"More than likely, maybe not until Saturday. It just really depends on the movement, how slowly or how fast it comes across the Marianas," she said.

Historically, after hitting Saipan, storm systems either move up to the Philippines or Japan, even Taiwan. "But right now we just don't know. Maybe after a couple of days after it leaves the Marianas, we will be able to predict where it's going to next," she said.

Preparations

Yesterday, hundreds of cars were seen lined up at gas stations, making it nearly impossible to fuel up without waiting for hours.

"We can see that people are fueling up already, which is a good sign…We want to thank our residents for being proactive and for being prepared before landfall," said Deleon Guerrero

The Office of the Governor also shut down all government agencies, judiciary offices, and public schools as of 11:30am yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero said because Yutu is anticipated to make a near direct hit on Saipan, it's almost safe to say that all offices and institutions will remain closed but HSEM is still awaiting word from the Office of the Governor.

Deleon Guerrero said that 7 to 9 inches of rain is expected and arrangements have been made to lessen flooding in flood-prone areas like Garapan.

"I know that during the last storm we had a lot of flooding. We are already in coordination with Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and Department of Public Works to open up those manholes to allow for the water to make its way out," she said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 9 that has been here following the onslaught of Typhoon Mangkhut has also been preparing resources to aid the CNMI if needed following the impact of Yutu.

Deleon Guerrero also said that FEMA has been coordinating with the CNMI administration to ensure that Saipan receives an expeditious approval of a disaster declaration if Yutu devastates the island.

As of yesterday, Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services Commissioner Clyde Norita said that emergency teams are prepared to be deployed to Tinian and will await the go-signal from the Office of the Governor.

BABAUTA

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Saipan within 10 days.

Juan N. Babauta is challenging Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to provide records and receipts of expenditure of the annual Community Chest Fund payments, or CCF. *Saipan Tribune* tried to solicit comments from the Torres administration but no comments nor confirmation of receipt was received as of press time.

The CCF is a $20-million fund that the casino operator, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, pays to the CNMI government every year and is used as directed by the governor or gubernatorial appointees, according to the casino license.

Babauta wants to know why Torres is not using a portion of that money to sustain the operation of the recently closed Marpi pool and baseball field.

"…Many in our community continue to question why it might be, that with $20 million annually in [CCF] payments at your discretion, you are unwilling to…[use it according to] the wishes of over 14,000 petition signatories to divert a miniscule fraction of that $20 million to re-opening, restoring, and maintaining the Marpi pool and baseball field," he wrote in a letter addressed to Torres, which was also his Open Government Act request to the governor.

Babauta demands that records of expenditures pertaining to the $20 million be made "available for inspection" within 10 days.

Based on his request, he is seeking information on the date on which CCF payments were obligated to commence; the amounts of CCF payments received during the first year on which CCF payments were supposed to start; the amount of CCF payments received during each subsequent year; the accounting of all CCF payments received that have been made, received, distributed, and characterized; each purpose for which each payment was made, designated, received, and distributed; each donation, recipient, and amount of donations made by Imperial Pacific International; and each entity ostensibly employed, contracted, or funded by IPI who is or has been paid money, received consideration, or been otherwise compensated—by use or application of CCF obligations or payments.

Babauta reminds Torres that, according to CNMI local law, all actions of all public offices, divisions, departments, boards, commissions, committees, and agencies are to be taken openly, and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

He further reminded Torres that, according to the Boards and Commissions Reform Act of 2006, it is "…Incumbent upon executive…leaders to find methods of cutting the cost of doing the government's business…Boards, commission members, and others must conduct themselves with utmost propriety and comply with their fiduciary duties. Each member is charged with, among other things, the fiduciary duties of good faith, trust, confidence, and candor. At a minimum, these duties require that each…refrain from abusing and exploiting their privilege '[as a government official]'," he wrote.

$3.48M

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prioritized improving our government's ability to provide quality public service to our islands and make good on all our judgements and obligations. We've made sure our public servants are taken care of for their years of hard work and dedication to the community," he said.

"We can't move forward as a community until we take care of those who created this foundation for the progress we see today," he added. "We hope to continue this work of progress together as we move forward and improve the lives of our entire Commonwealth."

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said that under the terms of the settlement agreement that the CNMI entered into to address the CNMI retirement issues, the Torres administration recognizes that retirees are faced with increased cost of living expenses, and that the administration remains committed to releasing an annual bonus to retirees in place of the COLA until such time that the settlement agreement ends and the COLA can be reinstated.

"I am very excited to announce that we have released bonus payments for retirees and beneficiaries. At this time, we are not able to implement the COLA but we have maintained our commitment to the settlement agreement and we thank Gov. Torres and the Legislature for the third successful bonus disbursement for retirees," Larson said.

Larson reminds all retirees that this bonus is subject to taxes and must be filed as part of one's tax filing in April next year.

Torres added that through the collaboration of the Legislature and the Department of Finance, the administration's commitment to meet the government's obligation to the retirees of the CNMI continues.

"It is part of our ongoing commitment to pay in full the $30 million to the settlement fund as part of our annual obligation and improving our overall fiscal position and our fiduciary duty overall. It is a priority of this administration to pay what is due to our retirees, and I commend the Department of Finance and the Legislature for joining me in being proactive. We will continue our work of addressing our longstanding obligations and bettering the lives of the entire Commonwealth with a growing economy. We hope to continue building on this commitment into the next fiscal year," Torres said.

Larson said that a criteria that will be followed for paying out the bonuses to ensure that benefits to survivors and a surviving spouse without qualified children will receive an equal share of the bonus just as a retiree and that a surviving spouse with minor children and/or children over 18 and under 22 years of age who are full-time students at an accredited educational institution will also equally share the bonus, based on what is determined to be a retiree's share.

Surviving minor child(ren) and/or child(ren) over 18 and under 22 years of age who are full-time students at an accredited educational institution will equally share the bonus based on what is determined to be a retiree's share and surviving minor child(ren) under the supervision of a legal guardian will equally share the bonus based on what is determined to be a retiree's share.

Based on this criteria for distribution set by the Department of Finance for the current retiree membership, a total of 2,744 retiree members are eligible to receive the bonus as of the benefit payment period ending on Oct. 15, 2018. Each retiree or his qualified survivors will receive a total amount of $1,275.51, inclusive of the 12 opt outs.

The settlement fund is working with the Department of Finance to disburse the bonus by Friday, Oct. 26, 2018.

During fiscal year 2018, the Department of Finance met its obligation by remitting a total of $45 million within the fiscal year, as well as the additional payment of the supplemental funds to cover the remaining portion of the retirees' benefits to keep members at the full 100 percent payment of their benefits.

In 2016 and 2017, each retiree and beneficiary received a bonus of just over $1,200. ***(PR)***

Wespac awards NMI $250K to boost fishing industry

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From left, Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Antonio T. Benavente, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council member John Gourley, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and council executive director Kitty M. Simonds at the 174th meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council held at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan.
BEA CABRERA

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council gave the CNMI a check for $250,000 during its 174th meeting yesterday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan.

The fund aims to implement CNMI Fisheries training and demonstration programs and the implementation of mandatory catch reporting requirements.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the award will give the CNMI an excellent opportunity to promote sustainable management of local marine resources.

"This funding also allows us to provide new programs with the assistance of the council such as the purchase of a bottom-fishing vessel, accompanied by technical and hands-on assistance to help our fishermen in class as well as in the water," he added.

Part of the money will be used plan to buy an ice machine for local fishermen that will be used to sustain and preserve the quality of the fish. "We want to put value on our fish the right way but before we can do that, we have to preserve it the right way as well," said Torres.

According to Wespac executive director Kitty M. Simonds, their mission is to promote sustainable fisheries and fisheries development in the territories and Hawaii.

A part of the award will go to the development and implementation of a new "mandatory catch reporting." This is similar to logbook keeping wherein fish harvesters are required to record information about their catch and submit this data to the government agencies concerned.

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Antonio T. Benavente said his office has completed the regulations for mandatory reporting and has submitted them to the Attorney General's Office for review.

"The fishermen have a responsibility to report as the government needs information in order to develop proper management and regulation of fisheries. If they don't have the information it will be hard to keep track and get the proper data. We need the help of fishermen to help the future of sustainable fisheries here," he said.

"We want to prevent the catching of small fishes," he added.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), a former DLNR secretary and council member, said that the CNMI government has had many projects over the years that have been funded through the council.

"The $250,000 is just a part of this and we look forward to continuing this funding stream for fisheries development and management in the Commonwealth."

"The projects that have been completed through the council assistance include the Garapan Fishing Base parking lot, improvements to the CNMI DLNR Fisheries statistics data base, community projects, Garapan Fishing Base Improvements Environmental Review and Engineering Plan, Garapan Fishing Base planned improvements such as shoreline revetment, floating docks, maintenance dredging, aids to navigation, solar parking lot lights and vending ice machine," he added.

Torres said that training for fishermen is not meant for commercial fishery, like the huge fishing industry of the Federated States of Micronesia.

"We don't want to compete with them in that longline type of fishing…The goal today is to assist our fishermen, enhance the fishing program, promote bottom fishing here, and sustain our local demands."

"This government wants to make sure that the fishing industry will not only stand today but also for the generations to come…We have something that no other places have—our beautiful ocean and the resources. We want to harness and use those but at the same time to make sure that we preserve that as well," he added.

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MVA: Facial recognition machines at airport will speed up processing time

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Installing facial recognition machines at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport is being seen as a way to speed up the immigration processing time at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, will which will allow CNMI visitors to begin their vacation promptly after arrival, according to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

Concepcion believes this is a worthwhile investment since it would allow passport-less entry into the CNMI as long as the image and background information are on file with the U.S. government.

He disclosed that he met with CBP director of Field Operations Brian Humphrey and Area Port Director Bruce Murley a few weeks ago and that they informed him of the new facial recognition that are being used in select airports in the U.S. right now.

"Use of it in the CNMI will depend on whether the Commonwealth Ports Authority is willing to fund the enhancement project," he said.

CPA board airport facilities committee chair Barrie C. Toves told *Saipan Tribune* Monday that CBP and CPA are still in talks about CBP's plan to install such facial recognition machines at the airport.

Toves pointed out that no such understanding or agreement has been hammered out yet.

In China, facial recognition machines have been used at some airports.

Concepcion said any opportunity to use advanced technology to streamline any government process should be realized as long as it does not infringe on anyone's right to privacy.

"This is important in today's high-tech world," he said.

Concepcion, however, pointed out that what this means is that the seven automated passport control machines that are in use now at the Saipan airport will eventually be obsolete.

"This is unfortunate but a part of the process of becoming more technologically advanced," he said.

Concepcion does not think that facial recognition machines will have a negative effect on tourist arrivals because it's meant to quicken the screening process for incoming arrivals.

In the Philippines, five e-gate machines at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport are now operational. The machines scan passports and cut the processing time of travelers to only 8 to 15 seconds per passenger from the previous 45 seconds.

MVA membership meeting on Nov. 9

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual general membership meeting on Nov. 9, 2018, at Royal Taga Ballroom, Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.

Guest speakers will be from the MVA's offshore offices and will provide a recap of fiscal year 2017 projects and the MVA's marketing plans for fiscal year 2019. Speakers will be the in-country managers: Irene Lee, Korea market; Florence Shi, China market; and Takashi Ichikura, Japan market.

To RSVP, to request a membership application, or for more information, contact the MVA Community Projects Division at communityprojects@mymarianas.com or call (670) 664-3200. ***(MVA)***

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UOG contributes research on FB privacy

Two of University of Guam's faculty members have contributed to research findings regarding U.S. college students' privacy settings on Facebook.

The ethnic composition and cultural background among UOG students inspired the research collaboration among two professors from North Carolina and two professors from UOG to gain data from a more diverse population of American students.

Law

Ho

The co-authors were Dr. Kevin K.W. Ho and Dr. Wai K. Law, both professors of management information systems at UOG's School of Business & Public Administration, and professors Sathasivam Methiyalakan and George Heilman from Winston Salem State University.

Their study results were published earlier this year in the *Journal of International Technology and Information Management* (https://scholarworks.lib.csusb.edu/jitim/vol27/iss1/2/).

The study is the third of a four-part series being done by the four co-authors. The first study examined gender and age differences in Guam college students' Facebook usage. The second examined the impact of ethnicity and culture on using Facebook for academic and social purposes in Guam. This latest study focused on the impact of gender and culture on Guam college students' Facebook privacy settings.

"One of the concerns that we already looked into in the first part of the series is that the younger generation may not have a really strong information-security perception and that they use Facebook very loosely, risking a loss of control of their privacy," Ho said. "This piece focused on privacy concerns and whether gender would play a role."

Their findings indicate that neither gender trusts Facebook nor feels it protects them. While there was not a significant difference in privacy settings between genders, female students in Guam were slightly more inclined to take protective measures. These results were in line with the stateside study.

Law said that these results could change as public awareness of privacy issues continues to grow following the Facebook data privacy scandal earlier this year.

Their fourth study of the series is on the attitude toward Facebook and Facebook use among university students in Guam. The results have not yet been published, but the co-authors from Winston Salem presented the paper earlier this month at the joint annual conferences of the International Information Management Association and the International Conference on Information and Economic Development at Prairie View A&M University in Texas.

Ho and Law will continue to collaborate with the North Carolina professors on future related studies.

The Journal of International Technology and Information Management is the official journal of the International Information Management Association. In its 25th year, it publishes quarterly manuscripts that make significant contributions to theory, knowledge, and practice in the areas of information systems, information technology, and information resources management. ***(UOG)***

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Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success

Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: Community Guidance Center's Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success (SPF PFS) grant for eligible organizations in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Details of the grant and funds available are listed below.

I. **Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success (SPF PFS): FY2019 $425,000**
(Each applicant, with the exception of a previous SPF PFS sub grant recipient, is able to apply for a sub grant award of up to $40,000. A previous SPF PFS sub grant recipient is able to apply for a sub grant award of up to $100,000.)

The planning and implementation of this grant award will focus on four primary goals:

1. **Prevent or reduce consequences of underage drinking and adult problem drinking and drinking and driving with emphasis in persons ages 12-20**
2. **Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse with emphasis on persons ages 12-25**
3. **Collaborate with other behavioral health prevention areas utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework**
4. **Evaluate all activities**

The SPF PFS provides awarded communities with the opportunity to build and/or strengthen an effective and sustainable evidence-based prevention program that is responsive to the needs of the CNMI community. Community programs are required to implement evidence-based prevention programs focused on the following priorities that have been determined by Community Guidance Center's Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit:

1) **Underage Drinking and/or**
2) **Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse**

This grant award requires a Strategic Prevention Framework to help guide communities toward successful program management process following the five steps below:
1) Assessment: Accurately assess community problems, assets, and resources;
2) Capacity: Describe current capacity and/or plans to build capacity;
3) Planning: Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan;
4) Implement: Identify the evidence-based program, policy, or practice to be implemented;
5) Evaluate: Process and impact evaluation through monitoring and documentation of program implementation.

In order to be eligible to apply, an applicant must be a non-profit organization or government agency with at least twenty-five active youth participants, have not been defunded as a SPF SIG and/or SPF PFS sub grant recipient, AND required to implement an evidence-based curriculum.

The Project Director will make the final recommendation in consultation and collaboration with the CGC Director on applications based off of proficiency areas aimed at sustaining substance abuse prevention outcomes. The grant application guidelines detail the information required.

Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit Office at the CHCC: Community Guidance Center, conveniently located on the 2nd Floor of TSL Plaza (Beach Road, Garapan) or the Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian.

All completed applications must be submitted to the CHCC: CGC Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit office on Saipan and the CGC personnel on Tinian and Rota no later than 3:30 p.m. on November 9, 2018.

For more information, please contact Ms. Kimberly S. Tudela at 323-6560 or kmstudela@gmail.com (Saipan); Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator (Tinian) at 433-6572 or tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com; or Ms. Benedicta San Nicolas, Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rota) at 532-9461 or benedicta.sannicolas@gmail.com.

/s/Esther L. Muna
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CGC Director

Tim Taylor from CNMI is named finalist in 2nd Global Art Awards

Tim Taylor, an artist from the Northern Mariana Islands, has been named a finalist in the second Global Art Awards, which recognizes excellence and innovation in art and design, and will be going forwards to the grand final of the prestigious awards taking place at the FIVE Jumeirah Palm Dubai on Nov. 21, 2018.

Taylor, whose work "Factory" in the multimedia category has been singled out for praise by the judges, will be heading to Dubai in November in the hope of winning the award in the category.

He will also have the chance to be named The Best Global Artist of 2018, which is awarded to one outstanding overall winner, who will also win an exhibition in Abu Dhabi as well as the lifelong title.

The Global Art Awards celebrate the exceptional achievements of artists from across the globe. There are 16 visual arts categories, ranging from photography, street art, illustration and painting to awards recognizing individual artists, including Best Newcomer; Best Sculpture Artist Award; Best Innovative Artist Award as well as the Best Emirati Artist Award.

In reaching the finals of the Global Art Awards, Tim Taylor said: "It's a great honor to be named a finalist in the Global Art Awards and I am delighted to be with such a fantastic group of artistic talent heading for the awards in Dubai. These awards really do single out the best, most exciting artists working today, to celebrate their achievements, and I am both humbled and honored to be among them."

Joëlle Dinnage, founder and director of the Global Art Awards said, "We created the awards a year ago to establish an inspirational international art competition on a global scale. Artists who were successful last time have gone on to gain recognition and commissions, travel and attend exhibitions and receive a real boost to their careers.

"This year, standards have been exceptionally high and the competition has been fierce across all categories. Congratulations to all the finalists. We look forward to seeing them in Dubai."

The awards ceremony takes place on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 21, 2018, at the 16th floor Penthouse FIVE Jumeirah Palm against the backdrop of the Dubai skyline.

To book seats, visit http://www.theglobalartawards.com/book-a-table.

More information about the awards is on http://www.theglobalartawards.com. Full details about the artist and his work are available at the artist website TimTaylorArt.net. ***(PR)***

District court closed, reopens tomorrow

Due to Typhoon Yutu's approach, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona closed the federal court yesterday at noon.

In her order, Manglona said the district court will reopen tomorrow, Thursday, at 1pm unless otherwise ordered.

Manglona said Saipan is currently in Typhoon Condition 2 status, which means destructive winds of 74 miles per hour or more are possible within 24 hours.

The judge said Typhoon Yutu is expected to affect Saipan with damaging winds and heavy rain throughout today, Wednesday.

"The CM/ECF electronic filing system will remain online, unaffected by this weather closure," the judge said.

Affected by yesterday's closure were the Drug Offender Re-entry Program status conference for six participants. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB19-GOV-006

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF GLASS PULVERIZER for the TINIAN TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on October 24, 2018 at the Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on **Wednesday, October 30, 2018, 10:00 am ChST** at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente in writing by e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com, on or before **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked ***ITB19-GOV-006 Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station.*** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 21, 2018** and the bid documents must be received no later than November 28, 2018. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 29, 2018.*** However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.***

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 180 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Herman S. Sablan, Director
CNMI Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-022

ROTA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT (W17-053)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline; connections to the existing waterlines; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV installations, PRV CMU protective boxes, flush hydrant, fencing, restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

*CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.*

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **November 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Directors Office, Sinapalo, Rota.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-022, Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 6 , 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to LCDR Travis Spaeth, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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GMS Falcons bag top places at NJSDA

Green Meadow School students in 6th to 8th grades participated in the islandwide competition of the National Junior Speech and Debate last Oct. 13 at Hopwood Middle School. Most of the students bagged the top places in various events.

This month's competition is the first official pre-regional meet and there will be two more preliminary meets before the regional event in February 2019. This competition is designed to empower and inspire students to foster communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Only a few of GMS students competed this month due to the students' hectic schedules. Nevertheless, the hard work of the few paid off, with four first-placers.

The school principal, Milagros Songcuan, also commend the parents for their support.

Original Oratory
1st place, Christian Ted Pamintuan

Storytelling B
1st place, Arnel Josh Coloma

DUO-A
1st place, Nicole Sacramento and Arnel Josh Coloma

DUO B
2nd place, Buien Joseph Din and Chris Vecina

DECLAMATION
1st place, Christian Ted Pamintuan

Poetry A
2nd place, Buien Joseph Din

Dramatic Interp A
2nd place, Sabino Cabrera III
4th place, Kaena Tabora

Dramatic Interp B
3rd place, Ariel Legaspi

Prose A
3rd place, Rayden Roquelara

Prose Masters A
3rd place, Ariel Legaspi

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4th place, Kaena Tabora

Green Meadow School students pose with their teachers after participating in the National Junior Speech and Debate last Oct. 13 at Hopwood Middle School.
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EDITORIAL

Paul Allen's lasting contributions

BARRY WONG/SEATTLE TIMES/TNS

Bill Gates and Paul Allen relocated Microsoft to Bellevue, Wash., in 1979. Allen died of non-Hodgkin lymphoma at age 65 on Oct. 15, 2018.

Seattle and the state of Washington have no shortage of monuments to Paul Allen and his extraordinary, eclectic mix of business, scientific and artistic interests.

Allen's gifts are also seen in the farthest reaches of the globe, where the personal computing revolution spurred by Allen and Bill Gates continues to unfold and bring knowledge, opportunity and economic gains to developing countries.

Raised in Wedgwood, the son of a University of Washington librarian, Allen started his first software company with Gates when they were high school students at Lakeside. Allen went on to Washington State University and work in Boston as Gates was attending Harvard. That's where they decided to start Microsoft.

"Paul foresaw that computers would change the world," Gates recalled in a memorial statement on Monday. "Even in high school, before any of us knew what a personal computer was, he was predicting that computer chips would get super-powerful and would eventually give rise to a whole new industry. That insight of his was the cornerstone of everything we did together."

As the region mourns Allen's passing, it's an opportunity to celebrate these lasting contributions, as well as the curiosity and enthusiasm that shaped his life.

This is also a time for Seattle to reflect on whether its

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Americans need a better version of Halloween

By MELINDA WELSH
Los Angeles Times

Melinda Welsh is the former editor of the Sacramento News & Review.

It took the brilliant Pixar film "Coco" for me to figure out what was missing: the dancing skeletons, the flower-adorned gravesites, the altars crowded with candles and framed photos of deceased loved ones. I'm talking about Dia de los Muertos, and though the celebration of this Mexican holiday is already established in Latin corners of the United States, I'm proposing we go full throttle and declare the Day of the Dead an official American holiday.

Here's why I'm stumping for the idea. I'm a 62-year-old journalist, first diagnosed with cancer in 2014. As I've written in The Times on other occasions, despite surgery, chemo and radiation, my disease metastasized in 2015. When three different doctors told me I would live six months or "a yearish," I began to think a lot about death.

Until then, like most Americans, I'd avoided the subject. Death was something to run away from—a giant negative, a dark mystery, the end of everything. Pain and grief seemed all that awaited any consideration, forced or otherwise, of what Shakespeare called "the undiscovered country." It doesn't take departed psychologist Ernest Becker, who won the 1974 Pulitzer Prize for his book "The Denial of Death," to recognize that most of us will do anything to ignore mortality until it's coming straight for us or a loved one.

For Becker, this kind of avoidance "pervades human culture" and "is one of the deepest sources of intolerance, aggression, and human evil" on Earth. I've learned the hard way to stop with the death denial. And that's where "Coco" enters into it.

In the 2017 film, 12-year-old Miguel embarks on a quest in the land of the dead to find his long-deceased great-grandfather. Along the way, the boy overcomes obstacles and finds truth in the least likely places.

Miguel's adventure occurs over the multi-day holiday (beginning on Oct. 31, Halloween, All Hallow's Eve) and reveals what this saints' day is really about—keeping the dead "alive" by celebrating the links between our lives in the present and the lives of those we honor from the past. Instead of relegating death to outre, gruesome images as in the zombie stories Americans love so much, the Day of the Dead acknowledges, joyfully, that an end is coming for us all.

As someone who sees her end on a clearer timeline than most, I've found my own very personal answer to the question of what gives meaning to life. But imagine millions of Americans—including those not facing death on so quick a calendar—annually tuning in to just how finite an ingredient each of us is in the grand continuum of life, marking the reality that no matter our divisions we are all bound together by our mortality.

Dia de los Muertos is a celebration, but it's no frat party. It's got a deeply spiritual side. In Mexico, families pay their respects to the souls of the dead with parades, picnics around gravesites, all-night vigils, prayer gatherings and lots and lots of music. Some families build altars—ofrendas—to the dead, heaped with mementos, the deceased's favorite food and drink, and photos. They tell stories of lives lived and loved ones gone. Religion plays a role, but the festivities are not really about belief in an afterlife. Ultimately, the Day of the Dead is a fiesta of what ties together the living and the dead.

Formally expanding this beloved Mexican holiday into the United States could be a repentant bow to a country whose relations with America are at an all-time low thanks to border walls, ethnic slurs, family separations and cynical immigration politics.

And it's not just that country we'd be acknowledging—parts of Africa, China and Japan also reserve a special day each year to honor their dead. Towns and cities all over the West already make room for the holiday with sugar skulls and papier-mache skeletons, pan de muertos and ofrendas laid out among the headstones in cemeteries, in museum galleries and in parks.

There would be resistance in Washington but, in the end, revels would win.

Thanks to good luck, a great doctor and immunotherapy, my own proximity to death has been stretched to a longer time horizon. Like other cancer patients who have responded to new medicines, I'm grateful to have already lived several more years than my husband, family and friends could possibly have imagined. But more than most people, I can never forget that death is coming.

What a wonder it would be if dying people—all of us—exited life knowing that every year the connection of life to death would be glorified rather than mourned or feared. An American Dia de los Muertos might encourage us to stop the denial, reckon with the end of our days, and fully recognize the imperfect amount of time that connects us all.

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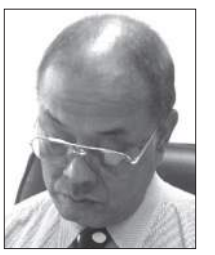

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Mabisita monumentun man-matai giya Magpi` ni Japones siha gi mapus na semana. Sattun na tinayuyot pot pas para enteru elmundu.

Patte gi kutturan niha i respetu gi man-mofona piot i sumakrifisia ha`anen niha pot futtunan i manatatte.

Gaige lokue` este na bittu gi tradision natibu. Dumaña` i kuttura yan tradision relihion Katolisismu ni muna fitme mas tradision respetu.

Ta bisisita naftan man-guinaiya-ta gi gupot Ha`anen Mañantus (All Saints Day gi Nobiembre dia Unu). I naftan muna` fan daña` todu gi un` lugat gi hilu` tinayuyot, sattun na respetu yan inagofli`e.

Namagof i oppan na sensian respetu gi famaguon-ta siha. Appenas tali`e che`chu` pitbetserias gi señgsuñg siha. Mauleg na kreansa pinegan i mañaina gi famaguon niha.

**Man-ñgiñge`:** Tafana`gue famaguonta impottansian man-ñgiñge`. Tumekun konrespetu gi man-amko` niha. Dispues ta echa siha motmut bendision felis. Un` kustumbreta ni muna` fitme mas sensian respetu gi famaguonta.

Siha mismu kumatga este na kustumbre ya mana oppan gi famaguon niha. Este na pisu mina` mirespetu patgon natibu maseha manu `nai gaige. Ha tuñgu` haf` mauleg na che`chu` echu patgon. Puede ta kontinua haf` mina` likidu famaguonta deste antes.

Espiritu: Huli`e fuetsan espiritu ni makat machanda. Inipus minetgotña para fuetsan tautau. Poresu na dañkulu respetuhu nu siha maseha espiritu.

I lini`e`hu tihoñgiyun. Haf` taimanu para u panko` kuattru redan jeep lau taya` tautau gi oriya? Sige halu`ñugue` kada reda, unu ni unu. Dos ham pumadesi este gi un` tatalo` pueñge. Bes enkuando in` seda` na i offisina mahatsa gi hilu` naftan dañkulu `nai man-mahafot manadan tautau dispues de gera guine.

Hu chage umebinadu gi todu hogsu` guine katan esta San Juan. Tatnai ma-estaneyu` gi todu finatoghu. Magahet na tatnai fatta ginagau dispensu.

Espiritun kantun tasi fotte `an un` disatentuye. Siña humanau hau para iya hamyu. Gi lapupueñge siempre `nai un` siente haf` finuegu hau. `An putin estomagu pues kase kuattru dias na tiempu un` nesessita yan metgot na suruhanu.

Diskalentau: Guaha siha na lugat, gi finu` mañainata, trabiha ti mana fañgilisyayanu. Debi un` adahe hau ya un` fangagau dispensu `an para un` hatme lugat kau para un` peskan ayuyu `sino haf` otru presisu.

Ginagau dispensu umasegura na timana` abag `sino ma-estane hau gi kareramu. Lugat i man-mofona na guelu yan guela mina` debi u guaha respetu. Muñga machansa sa` kikidi para un` fangagau petdon.

Diberas: `Nai hu tamtam asuntun familia siha gi señgsuñg sumen makat na kontrariu piot pot tagpapa` suetdu. Kase hihot gi 15-mit na empleau man-mamatmus gi suetdun mafanana`an "poverty income" na eskalera.

Este na suetdu ensegidas de ha apase familia kobransan guma` yan kareta gi bañku tai sepbla para otru siha nesessidat. Estague` mamakatña i presente na suetdun empleau siha. Tai kampu i familia kumalamten.

Gi mismu tiempu i satbasion gaige gi homlu` na ekonomian tanu`. Guaha planun hegsu` I Deni` guine na patte? Haf` ennau na planu siha? Siña in` eduka i publiku ni planun miyu siha?

Ta diseseha felis na hinanau pot tautau-ta siha ni megai numesessita ayudu gi bandan fuetsan monedan familia. Mampus baratu i suetdu para i kumahulu` gastun nesessidat siha. Estague` mamakatña i ha fafana` i familia siha diariu. Gai atburotu i asuntu ya mauleg in` fan ega`ga` haf` planun miyu immidiatmenti.

Makat para i familia i tinahuñg moneda para nesessidat famaguon niha ni man-eskuekuela. Diariu debi umaprebeniye kada unu nesessidat eskuela deste lepblu, magagu, sapatus yan otru siha presisu na attikulu. Gi pa`gu na biahe memegaiña ti muna` siña man-presisu siha na mantension famaguon niha.

Chatagmag: Un` katen gayu diaru huhuñgug gi bisinu ni umesgaihon halum finattun chatagmag. Guiya hu nanañga antes de bai falag i baranda `an pa`gu manana si Yuus.

I guinaifen freskun mañglu gi hagun troñku siha dumeskatga mensahen i señgsuñg. Tutuhun ha`ane guine giya paraisu. Adumididi` sige bumuruka i señgsuñg `nai sige i tautau man-hanau para i che`chu` niha.

Mauleg na tiempu hu huñgug ayu na katen gayu. Un` dia mamatkilu. Esta ti hohoñga. Hu konsidedera kau ma-apprubecha pat mabende gi otru. Mañge` na katen gayu gi tutuhun ha`ane.

**Dinaña`:** Gi uttimun siñkuenta siha na sakan kahulu` guinifen dinaña` yan Guam. Hu ekuñgug haf` sessu i motibu na kahulu` este na dinseha guine. Kau sinsiyu dinisehan dinaña` dos Chamorro? Haf` na ti oppan este gi señgsuñg siha gi todu islas?

Dispues umanog i primera moribu: $1 gi ora na suetdu giya Guam. Marianas ennau i $.16 sientimus gi ora gi papa` i Trust Territory Government. Inipus baratu para nesessidat familia siha.

Estague` mina` imperau sankatan na Marianas lau dispues mabota ni tautau Guam na muñga siha ni haf` taguiguife. Magpu` todu diniskuten dinaña`.

PAUL

From Page 10

schools, neighborhoods, universities and political climate remain fertile ground for raising world-changing entrepreneurs.

Will this place encourage its next Paul Allen to stay, invest in the community and plant seeds for future growth, or will it become more tribal and divided, allowing opportunistic special interests to stoke resentment and demonize the successful? Allen's legacy is the best argument for the former.

Although the region didn't always support Allen's vision, it eventually embraced the idiosyncratic billionaire, shared his passions and partnered with him on real estate, sports and cultural ventures.

In his own way, Allen hugged Seattle back, directing much of his philanthropy to the region, establishing research institutions in his hometown, generously supporting the UW and WSU and sharing his vast collections of rock memorabilia, technology and vintage airplanes with the public.

Allen also drove a hard bargain. In convincing him to save the Seahawks, the people of Washington state agreed to pay 70 percent of the cost of a new football stadium. Seattle voters also rejected Allen's proposal for a grand park in South Lake Union, but the city ended up spending around $500 million on infrastructure supporting his development of offices and apartments there instead. More recently, Allen's real estate company was chosen to lead a massive redevelopment of the Seattle Housing Authority's priceless Yesler Terrace property overlooking Elliott Bay.

Pundits will debate who got the better end on some of these deals. But Seattle and the rest of the world are richer—and more fun—because of Paul Allen.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stop the harassment and bullying behavior

Dear Gov. Ralph DLG Torres: I write to bring to your attention the harassing and bullying behavior of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, against me, because of my work as a staffer at the Northern Marianas congressional office. I bring this to you in the hope that you will recognize how poorly Secretary Hunter's misconduct reflects on your leadership, and that you will take immediate corrective action. Specifically, I request that you order Secretary Hunter to cease and desist his harassing and bullying behavior, and that you consider requiring him to undergo counseling and/or training to address his unprofessional, abusive conduct.

I currently serve as the outreach coordinator/deputy communications director for U.S. Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, based in the Saipan district office. I have held this position since 2015. In the chain of command of our district office, I am one of five congressional staffers, and we answer to three individuals: Mike Tenorio, our district director; Bob Schwalbach, our chief of staff and communications director; and, of course, Congressman Sablan.

Since early this year, Congressman Sablan has urged you, in a series of letters, to more quickly spend tens of millions of dollars in food stamp money by increasing benefits and raising income thresholds so more people could be helped. One of his concerns was that with so much federal money left unspent, it would be difficult to convince the Republican leadership in Congress to increase food stamp funding for the Marianas in the Farm Bill reauthorization. As you may know, Secretary Hunter has responded angrily and defensively to most, if not all, of the congressman's communications to you, in the local press and on social media.

But Secretary Hunter has also reached out to me, via private message on Facebook, to harass and bully me. Most recently, he was displeased that the congressman had written a letter to you, on Oct. 11, inquiring about the status of new food stamp eligibility levels, which your administration had announced in August as having been approved by USDA Food and Nutrition Service, and would go into effect on Oct.1. The congressman had learned, through reports from constituents, that the eligibility guidelines did not in fact go into effect as promised, but there had been no public explanation as to why.

Secretary Hunter made it clear in his private Facebook messages that he was communicating with me because of my job as a congressional staffer: "*I send this to you, because you are listed as an assistant communications director for Kilili* […]" He called the congressman "*a piece of shit"* and "*a scumbag trying to keep his seat."* He accused me of being a "*stooge for Kilili,"* a "*sycophant,"* and "*thoroughly dishonest."* He accused my colleagues and me of "*lying to the public," "dirty politics,"* and "*shitting on good staff."* The full exchange is enclosed with this letter.

I ask that you consider the reverse scenario, if any of my male bosses were to send private messages laced with profanities and abusive language to any of Secretary Hunter's female subordinates. I am sure you would also find such behavior highly inappropriate. Any normal person would.

Governor, I thought long and hard about writing this letter to you. I hesitated, because I have observed Secretary Hunter's conduct on social media, and I have seen him escalate his attacks on anyone who disagrees with him or challenges him. In my own exchange with him, responding and advising him that I would not be bullied only resulted in more aggression.

But then I realized that I may not be the only person whom Secretary Hunter has harassed and bullied. I also realized that the only way to deal with harassing and bullying behavior is to confront it openly and directly. And, in this case, when a member of your Cabinet is harassing and bullying a woman because of her work as a congressional staffer, the appropriate response would be to bring the matter to you, as his boss, for corrective action.

Governor, you set the tone for your administration. Please, do what is right. Harassing and bullying behavior is never acceptable, and should never be tolerated or ignored.

Please contact me anytime if you wish to speak further. I can be reached at 285-3935 or tinasablan@gmail.com. I hope to hear from you soon.

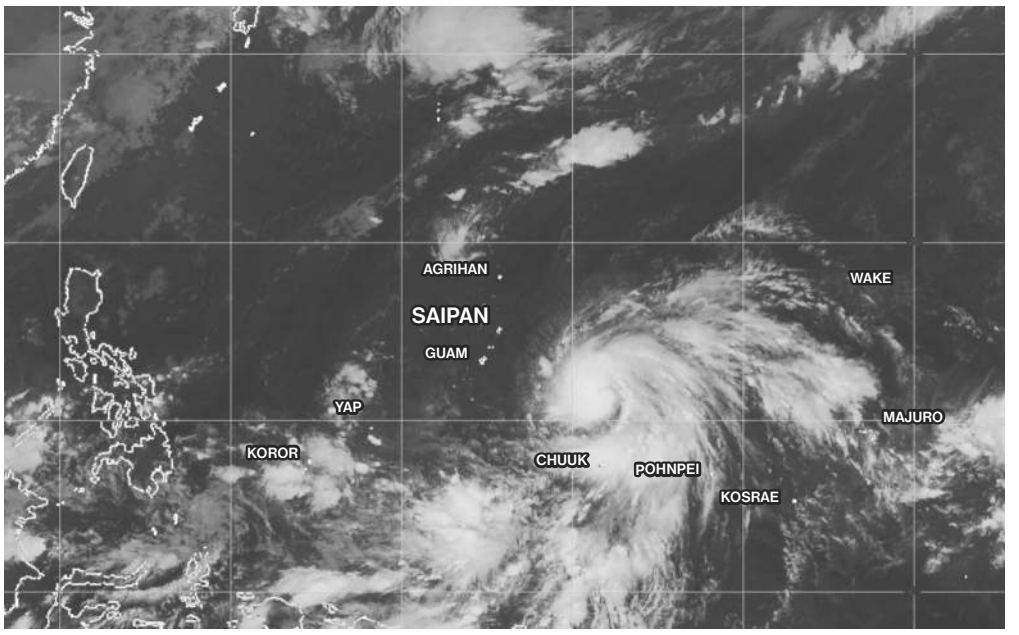
Christina Sablan
Susupe, Saipan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Windy. Cloudy with numerous locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Typhoon conditions likely. Cloudy with numerous locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼78°	▲84° ▼77°	▲87° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲90° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:06 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Yutu appears to developing rapidly, and will become a typhoon later this morning. The 4 AM position given above indicates that Yutu is moving a little south of the current forecast track, and the IR satellite loop seems to show that as well. As far away as Yutu is at present, small deviations in the track could greatly change where Yutu ends up passing near or through the Mariana, and residents of the Marianas should stay informed on the latest statements and possible warnings.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	66° / 55°
Beijing	Showers	61° / 43°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	81° / 73°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	85° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	57° / 45°
Los Angeles	Sunny	79° / 61°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	70° / 48°
Miami	Showers	82° / 77°
New York	Mostly Sunny	56° / 39°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	68° / 55°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	66° / 46°
Busan	Sunny	70° / 55°
Rome	Sunny	73° / 54°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	75° / 54°
San Francisco	Sunny	63° / 53°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	70° / 48°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	70° / 57°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	56° / 39°

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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET
1:22 AM	LOW TIDE	0.27
7:23 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.85
1:30 PM	LOW TIDE	0.55
7:16 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.96

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Friday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	5:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	5:30 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	-	6:23 AM	6:28 PM
Friday	-	7:17 AM	7:14 PM
Saturday	-	8:14 AM	8:03 PM
Sunday	-	9:13 AM	8:56 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA105	4:55am	5:41am	3, 5
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
UA104	11:30pm	12:16am+1	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ625	8:40pm	2:10am+1	7
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	8:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	8:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	8:45am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174 via GUM	10:25pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
PR110/UA174	10:55pm	7:45am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:30am	8:25am	1
UO43	6:00am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	8:45am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:25am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:30am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

OAG warns against price gouging

In anticipation of Typhoon Yutu, the Office of the Attorney General encourages consumers to report incidents of price gouging.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan warns retailers that the Consumer Protection Act makes it unlawful for any business to engage in price gouging.

Price gouging occurs when a business increases prices based on the shortage of goods caused by a natural disaster or any other emergency.

Manibusan said the OAG will prosecute, both criminally and civilly, any business that engages in price gouging.

To assist with the investigation of price gouging, affected consumers should submit a written complaint to the Office of the Attorney General along with copies of all receipts, invoices, or other documents associated with the complained-of transaction. Consumers should save all receipts, invoices, and other documents related to price gouging. When submitting a complaint to the Office of the Attorney General, consumers should submit copies of any supporting documents and retain the originals for their own records.

Complaint forms may be obtained at www.cnmioag.org under the Consumer Protection section or in person at the Civil Division on Capitol Hill from 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, or via email by sending a request to consumer_counsel@cnmioag.org. Consumers who cannot obtain a complaint form may submit a written complaint that includes (1) the name of the consumer and his or her contact information, (2) the name of the business and its location, (3) a description of goods or services purchased, (4) the date of the purchase, (5) the price paid for goods or services, (6) the price of the goods or services prior to Typhoon Yutu, (7) any other details that support the complaint, and (8) copies of receipts, invoices, or other documents that support the complaint. Complaints should be hand delivered to the Civil Division on Capitol Hill or submitted via email.

Inquiries regarding consumer protection complaints should be directed to assistant attorney general Bob Pickett at consumer_counsel@cnmioag.org or (670) 237-7500. ***(OAG)***

MATHCOURT KNIGHTS

Mount Carmel School congratulated her MathCourt Knights for their outstanding performance at the recent MathCourt competition: Eunkyu "Joey" Hong and Nicole Obnimaga (second place middle school team), Eunkyu "Joey" Hong (second place individual, 7th grade), Eunkyu "Joey" Hong, Nicole Obnimaga, Paul Santos (middle school state round qualifiers), Victoria Santos, Yu Jeoung Son, Hae Su "John" Yeo (fourth place high school team), Yu Jeoung Son (fifth place individual, 9th grade), Richard Villagomez (third place individual, 9th grade), Victoria Ancheta, Seung Bin Bae, Minju Kang, Jan Matthew Millo, Victoria Santos, Yu Jeoung Son, Richard Villagomez, and Hae Su "John" Yeo (high school state round qualifiers). Much thanks also to all the parents, coaches, and advisers who helped in one way or another.

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Zhang, Viray top Pacifica art contest

Two students got a surprise visit at their schools last week by Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. president Shirley Sablan and marketing coordinator Samantha Sikayun after winning first place in the 2018 Pacifica Art Contest.

Saipan Community School's 11-year-old Jenny Wu Zhang won first place in the 6-11 age division (1st to 6th grade), and Saipan Southern High School's 16-year-old Irish Christine Viray won first place in the 12-17 age division (7th to 12th grade).

There was a total of 305 submissions: 153 entries for the 6-11 age division and 150 for the 12-17 age division.

"I was blown away by the level of talent during this year's art contest. Our judges had the most difficult task of choosing just two out of the many," said Sablan. "On behalf of everyone at Pacifica, I would like to thank the judges, school administrators and teachers for helping us ensure the success of our contest."

Jenny Wu Zhang is joined by her art teacher, Sarah Vander Wal, and Pacifica Insurance underwriters Samantha Sikayun and Keomi Palacios.

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As part of their prizes, Zhang and Viray received a $200 check and various art supplies.

This year's judging panel included Mark Sonoda, WE670 TV owner and creator; photographer Lauren Benson; and American Red Cross-NMI Chapter vice chair Larry Lee.

"This contest is such a vivid testament to the fact that there is no shortage of talented, young artists in the CNMI. Congratulations to both winners and all of the students who entered. You all made my task as a judge extremely difficult," said Sonoda.

Irish Viray, center, poses with her classmates, teacher Veronica Arriola; Pacifica Insurance president Shirley Sablan, and underwriter Samantha Sikayun.

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Jenny Wu Zhang, of the Saipan Community School student, holds her winning artwork for Category 1 (ages 6-11 division).

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Irish Christine Viray, of Saipan Southern High School, holds her winning artwork for Category 2 (ages 12-17)

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"This competition plays such an amazing role in our community. These kids have created something unique, and you could tell that each artist has a different connection to what they consider Christmas to be to them," said Benson, of Lauren Benson Photography. "Surprising these kids with a prize at their school is a huge encouragement to keep going."

"I was really impressed with the level of artistic talent in the entries submitted. Judging was not easy. Kudos to Pacifica Insurance for continuing this art contest and promoting art development among our youth," said Lee.

Students were asked to create and submit an original art piece, including the slogan "Rest assured, it's Christmas." Permitted mediums included water paint, oil-based paint, pastels, crayons, and pencils. Maximum dimensions were 18 inches by 24 inches.

The winning artwork pieces will be featured in Pacifica Insurance's marketing campaigns for the holidays and in the upcoming year.

The artwork of the top five winners will be made available for viewing on Pacifica's art contest web page (www.pacificains.com/art-contest) and the company's Facebook social media page (facebook.com/pacificainsuranceunderwriters).

For information about the Pacifica Art Contest, call (670) 234-6267/7722/7310 or email piui@pacificains.com. Pacifica Insurance is located at the Joeten Center in Susupe. ***(PR)***

Pacifica Art Contest 2018 judges . From left, Larry Lee, Lauren Benson, and Mark Sonoda

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Business

China opens mega-bridge linking Hong Kong to mainland

ZHUHAI, China (AP)—China opened the world's longest sea-crossing bridge linking Hong Kong to the mainland on Tuesday in a feat of engineering carrying immense economic and political significance.

Chinese President Xi Jinping was in the city of Zhuhai to cut the ribbon on the 55-kilometer (34-mile)-long bridge linking it to the semi-autonomous regions of Hong Kong and Macau. Digital fireworks exploded on a screen behind him as leaders of the three cities looked on.

The $20 billion bridge took almost a decade to build while incurring major delays and cost overruns. It includes an undersea tunnel allowing ships to pass through the Pearl River delta, the heart of China's crucial manufacturing sector.

Its opening will cut travel time across the delta from several hours to just 30 minutes, something China hopes will bind the region together as a major driver of future economic growth. Heavily regulated traffic using permits issued under a quota system will begin flowing on Wednesday.

The bridge forms a physical link between the mainland and Hong Kong, an Asian financial hub that was handed over from British to Chinese control in 1997 with the assurance it would maintain its own legal and economic system for 50 years.

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A fisherman works near the rock islands against the Zhuhai-Macau-Hong Kong Bridge in Zhuhai in south China's Guangdong province, Monday, Oct. 22, 2018.

That carries major political significance for Xi's administration, which has rejected calls for political liberalization in Hong Kong, sparking fears Beijing will clamp down further on civil liberties before the end of the "one country, two systems" arrangement in 2047.

The bridge's opening also comes a month after the inauguration of a new high-speed rail link from Hong Kong to mainland China that runs along a different, shorter route. That line has vastly decreased travel times but also raised concerns about Beijing's growing influence because mainland Chinese law applies within part of the line's Hong Kong terminus.

In Zhuhai, however, sentiments were all about economic growth and national pride.

Airline pilot Liu Gang said he'd been eagerly anticipating the opening of the bridge, calling it a symbol of the mainland's increasingly close ties with Hong Kong and Macau.

"We've been waiting eight years for this," Liu said Monday afternoon while strolling along a walkway and shooting photos of the structure. "It'll bring us even closer together, make us more flexible, economically and in many other ways. We're now one family."

Luo Fengzhi, who works in real estate, cited the bridge as evidence of China's growing economic and engineering prowess.

"For Chinese people, this makes them feel proud," she said. "I hope that every patriotic Chinese person can come and see this great feat of engineering, and I welcome foreigners to come and see for themselves as well."

UK's May pleads for support, says Brexit deal is almost done

LONDON (AP)—British Prime Minister Theresa May sought to scotch a growing rebellion against her Brexit plans Monday, saying a divorce deal with the European Union is 95 percent complete and urging fellow lawmakers to "hold our nerve" during the difficult last push in negotiations.

May told the House of Commons that "the vast majority" of issues had been settled, including the status of Gibraltar, Britain's territory at the tip of the Iberian Peninsula.

She said there is just "one real sticking point left"—the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

"We cannot let this become the barrier to reaching the future partnership we all want to see," May said.

May faces growing dissent from her political opponents—and, more worryingly, her own Conservative Party—over her blueprint for separation and future relations with the bloc.

Grumbling has grown since she suggested at an EU summit last week that Britain could remain bound by the bloc's rules for two years or more during a transition period after it leaves on March 29, to help solve the border problem.

London and Brussels agree there must be no customs posts or other barriers that could disrupt businesses and residents on both sides of the border and undermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace process. But they do not agree on how to achieve that.

The EU has proposed keeping Northern Ireland in its customs union after Brexit, eliminating the need for border checks. But Britain says that is unacceptable because it would mean checks between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K.

May said the EU had shifted and was "actively working with us" on a British counterproposal that would keep the whole U.K. in a customs union with the bloc.

Britain says any such arrangement must be temporary, while the EU insists the border "backstop" guarantee can't have a time limit.

May said she believed a solution could be found, but "serving our national interest will demand that we hold our nerve through these last stages of the negotiations, the hardest part of all."

Britain and the EU say they remain hopeful of striking a deal this fall, so that relevant parliaments can approve it before Brexit day. But May's room for maneuver is limited by pressure from pro-Brexit Conservatives and her government's Northern Irish ally, the Democratic Unionist Party, who oppose any more compromises with the EU.

She's also opposed by pro-EU lawmakers who want to keep close ties with the bloc after Brexit.

Amid talk of a leadership challenge, criticism of May has grown increasingly intemperate. Weekend newspaper headlines saying the prime minister is entering "the killing zone" and faces a metaphorical knifing drew sharp rebukes.

Conservative legislator Sarah Wollaston tweeted to condemn the "disturbing & violent language" used by some of her colleagues.

May said it was "incumbent on all of us in public life to be careful about the language we use."

Conservative lawmaker Grant Shapps said the coming week would be dangerous for May, as pro-Brexit Tories pondered whether to try to oust her.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oregon bakery appeals fine for turning away lesbian couple

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The owners of a shuttered Oregon bakery fined for refusing to make a wedding cake for a lesbian couple are appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that lawyers for Melissa and Aaron Klein, former owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa, filed the petition Monday. They're asking the high court to overturn a state order to pay $135,000 in emotional damages to the couple they turned away. The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries imposed the fine in 2015 after finding the Kleins had violated a state anti-discrimination law. An Oregon appeals court upheld the order, and the state Supreme Court declined to hear the case. The U.S. high court ruled in favor of a Colorado baker in a similar case, but that decision didn't address whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to lesbian and gay people.

Netflix to borrow another $2B to pay its programming bills

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Netflix plans to borrow another $2 billion to help pay for the exclusive series and movies that its management credits for helping its video streaming service reel in millions of new subscribers during the past five years. The additional debt load announced Monday isn't a surprise. Netflix needs more cash because it has been spending more money than its business generates since its expansion into original programming with the 2013 release of "House of Cards." Netflix expects to burn through $3 billion this year. The $2 billion that Netflix plans to raise in a bond offering will be lopped onto it existing debt of $11.8 billion. That includes another $1.9 billion debt offering that Netflix completed earlier this year. The borrowing binge appears to be paying off. Netflix has gained nearly 100 million subscribers since September 2013, including 7 million in the past quarter. The company recently predicted it will add another 9.4 million subscribers by the end of this year.

South Carolina island considers banning chain businesses

FOLLY BEACH, S.C. (AP)—A beach town in South Carolina is considering an ordinance to prevent chain restaurants and stores from opening on the island. Folly Beach is considering an ordinance to prevent any company with 10 or more locations with the same names, branding and products from locating in the town, The Post and Courier of Charleston reported. Supporters say the rules would protect the unique character of the city about 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Charleston with a population of about 2,700 people. Mayor Tim Goodwin said local businesses want to make sure that corporate brands don't take over. Lauren Gellaty with the nonprofit Lowcountry Local First, said her group proposed the idea in February. There are exceptions for an existing Subway restaurant and a grocery store shopping center that is in the city, but not on the island. The city banned drive-thru businesses years ago, Goodwin said.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
25,317.41	2,755.88	7,468.63
−126.93	−11.90	+19.60
−0.50%	−0.43%	+0.26%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.4155	Hong Kong Dollar	7.8382	Russian Ruble	65.2202
British Pound	0.7711	Indian Rupee	73.0742	Singapore Dollar	1.3807
Canadian Dollar	1.3092	Japanese Yen	112.5370	South Korean Won	1114.63
Chinese Yuan	6.8456	Malaysian Ringgit	4.1177	Swiss Franc	0.9956
Euro	0.8725	New Zealand Dollar	1.5273	Taiwan Dollar	30.4774
		Philippine Peso	52.8733	Thailand Baht	32.8335

Nation

Pizza deliveryman arrested at military base jailed again

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) —An Ecuadorian pizza deliveryman who was held up as an example of zealous U.S. immigration enforcement has been arrested in a domestic violence case.

A criminal complaint alleges that Pablo Villavicencio pushed his wife against a wall, slapped her and grabbed her phone to keep her from calling police last Thursday at the couple's Hempstead, Long Island home.

He was arraigned Saturday on a misdemeanor charge and remained jailed Monday afternoon.

Villavicencio's lawyer, Bruce Barket, said the case against him is weak and that factual allegations didn't match the crime charged.

"The criminal case is the kind of thing that really wouldn't make it two weeks in criminal court if it weren't for the attention," Barket said. "Let's see what happens."

The Legal Aid Society, which represented Villavicencio in the immigration matter, said in a statement it was "hopeful that this matter will be resolved and that Pablo will secure valid status with the continued assistance of our counsel."

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In this July 24, 2018 file photo, Pablo Villavicencio leans out of an SUV while talking to reporters after being released from the Hudson County Correctional Facility in Kearny, N.J.

"The past several months, including Pablo's detention and threats of imminent deportation, have been traumatic for the Villavicencio family," the organization said.

Villavicencio was detained on June 1 after delivering pizza to the Fort Hamilton Army base in Brooklyn. He was seeking to establish legal residency and overcome a 2010 order to leave the country. His wife and two young daughters are U.S. citizens.

Earlier this month, the government declined to appeal the July decision freeing him.

"The federal government is admitting what we already knew - there was absolutely no legitimate reason to lock Mr. Villavicencio up and take him away from his family," Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said at the time. The governor's office did not immediately respond Monday to phone and email requests for comment.

When he ordered the release of Villavicencio over the summer, U.S. District Judge Paul Crotty said he didn't believe the detention was "accidental or random."

"It should not be difficult to discern that families should be kept together rather than be separated by the thoughtless and cruel application of a so called 'zero-tolerance' policy," Crotty wrote. "This is especially so where the organization seeking removal has also provided a pathway for a person in petitioner's position to regularize his immigration status with minimal disruption to his family life."

The judge added Villavicencio "deserves it due to his hard work, his dedication to the family, and his clean criminal record."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered the "zero-tolerance" policy in April. More than 2,500 children were separated from their parents after the Trump administration adopted the policy to criminally prosecute every adult who entered the country illegally. Hundreds of parents were deported without their children.

Trump signed an executive order halting the "zero-tolerance" policy in June , but is considering new options to create deterrents for immigrant families coming to America.

AP analysis: 'Obamacare' shapes opioid grant spending

With Republicans and Democrats joining forces again in a bipartisan effort to target the U.S. opioid crisis, an Associated Press analysis of the first wave of emergency money from Congress finds that states are taking very different approaches to spending it.

To a large extent, the differences depend on whether states participated in one of the most divisive issues in recent American politics: the health overhaul known as "Obamacare."

The AP analysis found states that expanded Medicaid under President Barack Obama's health overhaul reported spending their allocations more slowly than states that didn't expand the health insurance program to poor, childless adults.

Why? In states that expanded Medicaid, the insurance program already covers addiction treatment for nearly everyone who is poor and needs it.

Medicaid allows states to go beyond the basics with the grant money, while non-expansion states have to fill in for basic needs with fewer dollars, said Brendan Saloner, an addiction researcher at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In effect, Medicaid expansion states had a running start on the opioid crisis, while states without the extra Medicaid funding hastened to catch up.

"Non-expansion states are dealing with populations more likely to be uninsured and more likely to need coverage for addiction treatment," Saloner said. In contrast, states with Medicaid expansion can use the grants to create new infrastructure, "asking providers to take risks by investing in new personnel, new systems and new ways of doing things," Saloner said. "The puzzle is how to keep momentum going after the funds are gone."

The Medicaid insurance expansion gives states a head start because they have "a coordinated, reliable and consistent source of coverage" for a demographic group hit hard by addiction, said Trish Riley, executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy. "It's not grant funded. It's not stopgap," Riley said.

"Coverage matters, period," Riley said.

Thirty-three states have expanded Medicaid, receiving enhanced federal funding to cover poor adults. Historically, Medicaid has covered a large share of all addiction treatment in the U.S., more than all private insurance combined. Medicaid covers 4 out of 10 adults under age 65 with opioid addiction.

On Election Day, voters in Idaho, Nebraska and Utah will decide whether their states should expand Medicaid. Montana voters will decide on maintaining that state's expansion.

The emergency money from Congress was part of a two-year, nearly $1 billion grant program. It was distributed according to a formula favoring states with more overdose deaths and treatment needs. California received nearly $45 million. Texas got $27.6 million. Florida got $27.2 million.

States spent the money at different paces and on different services, the AP found. In total, states used the money to provide treatment to nearly 119,000 people with opioid addiction, including nearly 3,000 pregnant women. More than 33,000 people received recovery services, such as training and housing.

$1.6B Mega Millions prize due to simple math, some surprises

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—For all the anticipation about whether someone will finally snag the gigantic Mega Millions and Powerball jackpots, the games come down to two things: simple math—and very long odds.

But there are some quirks and surprises about the math equations that likely will soon vault someone into stratospheric wealth after the jackpots grew for months without a winner.

WHAT ARE THE JACKPOTS?

The biggest quirk starts with this fact: The advertised $1.6 billion Mega Millions prize—the world's largest ever lottery jackpot—and $620 million Powerball prize aren't quite real. That is, those are the amount you'd be paid if you chose an annuity, doled out over 29 years. Nearly every winner opts for cash, which is the amount of money the lottery folks actually have in the bank ready to pay out to the company that would fund the annuity.

The cash option is still massive, at $904 million for Mega Millions and $354.3 million for Powerball. But those numbers aren't splayed across billboards and shown in countless mini marts across America.

POTENTIAL COMBINATIONS

A billion dollar grand prize is sparking dreams of riches across the US the day before another Mega Millions jackpot drawing. The jackpot swelled to $1.6 billion on Monday, while the sister Powerball lottery grew to at least $620 million. (Oct. 22)

The dismal odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot—1 in 302.5 million—mean there are 302.5 million potential number combinations, or a little less than one combination for each of the 328 million people living in the U.S. For last Friday's drawing, about 59 percent of possible combinations were taken. But by Tuesday night's drawing, officials estimate that 75 percent will be sold.

That would mean a 25 percent chance of no winner. If that happens, it's likely even more combinations would be covered before the next drawing three days later. Officials don't have an estimate on how many tickets would be sold for that potential drawing, and they haven't said how large the estimated prize would be. Could it reach $2 billion?

The odds of winning Powerball are 1 in 292.2 million.

AS THE GRAND PRIZE INCREASES, SO DO WINNER NUMBERS

The odds of winning don't change as jackpots get larger, but the chance that more than one winner will share the prize do. When so many people rush to play as a jackpot soars , the chances increase that two or three tickets—of the millions of tickets sold—will match. Of the five largest jackpots awarded in the U.S., three went to multiple winners. The largest single prize went to a 2017 player from Massachusetts who celebrated a $758.7 million Powerball payday.

Asia

PH court rejects Duterte bid to have critic arrested

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine court on Monday rejected a petition by President Rodrigo Duterte's administration to have his fiercest critic in the Senate arrested, in a legal setback for Duterte that the senator called a victory for democracy.

Regional Trial Court Judge Andres Bartolome Soriano denied the government's petition to have opposition Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV arrested after Duterte voided his 2011 amnesty for his role in past mutinies as a former navy officer. Soriano debunked Duterte's premise that Trillanes never formally applied for amnesty and acknowledged guilt for his role in the failed coup attempts.

"The rule of law won and democracy won," a beaming Trillanes told a news conference at the Senate, adding that he was prepared to be arrested.

Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra, however, suggested the government would appeal and added that Soriano did not declare Duterte's signed order that voided Trillanes' amnesty unconstitutional.

"Nobody has to claim total victory," Guevarra said. "This is not the end of it."

Last month, another court upheld Duterte's petition and ordered Trillanes arrested for a similar rebellion charge on which he was allowed to post bail. That contradicted the ruling by Soriano, who handled a separate, nonbailable coup charge against Trillanes.

Known for expletives-laced outbursts against his critics and political rivals, Duterte has long expressed anger against Trillanes, who has accused him of large-scale corruption, involvement in illegal drugs and extrajudicial killings in an anti-drug crackdown that has left nearly 5,000 suspects dead since he took office in 2016. Duterte has denied the allegations.

Trillanes, 47, was jailed for more than seven years for involvement in at least three military uprisings, including a 2003 mutiny against then-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo when he and other young officers rigged part of a shopping center in the Makati financial district with bombs and took over an upscale residential building.

After being amnestied under Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, Trillanes successfully petitioned the two Philippine courts to dismiss rebellion and coup cases, allowing him to later run for a Senate seat. Critics say Duterte's move violates the constitutional guarantee against "double jeopardy," or holding a person to answer twice for the same offense.

Duterte said he voided Trillanes' amnesty because the senator had failed to file a formal amnesty request and acknowledge guilt. Trillanes strongly denied the president's claims and provided news reports and defense department documents to counter them.

The Department of Justice has asked two courts to issue warrants for Trillanes' arrest and resume criminal proceedings against him. One of the courts backed Duterte's bid last month and issued the arrest warrant for a bailable rebellion charge. Soriano, however, ruled differently, saying in his 33-page decision, "Well established is the doctrine that a final and executory judgment shall be immutable."

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Opposition Senator Antonio Trillanes IV smiles shortly after addressing reporters outside his Philippine Senate office after a regional trial court judge issued a ruling denying the Justice Department's request for an arrest warrant against him Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 in suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Excessive speed named as cause of Taiwan train derailment

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Excessive speed was the main cause of the derailment of a train in Taiwan that killed 18 people and injured scores of others, investigators said Tuesday. A Cabinet task force found the train entered a curve at 140 kph (87 mph), almost twice the speed limit for the section, the official Central News Agency reported. CNA said the train's driver has been placed under investigation on suspicion of negligence, including allegedly disabling the automatic train protection system that would have caused it to brake. Possible mechanical problems with the train were also being examined. The 6-year-old Japanese-built Puyuma trains were built to travel at 150 kph (93 mph) to ease transportation on rugged parts of the mountainous island's east coast. They are designed to tilt when going around curves, making journeys quicker and easing pressure on the road system crossing Taiwan's central mountain range. The train had been carrying more than 360 passengers with about 180 listed as injured Tuesday.

Philippine police: Gunmen kill 9 people who occupied farm

BACOLOD, Philippines (AP)—Gunmen killed nine members of a farmers' group who occupied part of a privately owned sugarcane plantation in an apparent land conflict in the central Philippines, police said Sunday. The victims were resting in a tent Saturday night when about 10 gunmen opened fire, police said. At least four farmers survived the attack at the plantation field in Sagay city in Negros Occidental province, which has a history of bloody land feuds. "There are groups fighting over that land," Sagay police Chief Inspector Roberto Mansueto said. At least two of the victims may have fired back at the attackers because spent pistol and shotgun casings were found in the area, Mansueto said. "Witnesses say they heard only a few initial shots. Apparently the victims were just being threatened," Mansueto told reporters. "But later there seemed to have been an exchange of fire." The National Federation of Sugar Workers condemned the killings of its members, who included four women and two minors. The group said the victims were forced to plant vegetables and root crops to feed their families on idle land that's covered by the government's land reform program but remained undistributed to poor farmers.

Afghan soldier fires on NATO troops, killing Czech soldier

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An Afghan soldier opened fire on coalition forces on Monday, killing a Czech soldier and wounding two others. The Czech military said their car was attacked at a base in the western Herat province, without providing further details. NATO said in a statement that "initial reports" indicate the attack was committed by a member of the Afghan security forces. No one immediately claimed the attack, which was the second deadly attack by Afghan forces against allied NATO and U.S. forces in less than a week. On Thursday, an elite guard of the governor of Kandahar killed two senior Afghan officials, including Kandahar's powerful police chief, Gen. Abdul Raziq, and wounded U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Smiley. The Taliban claimed that attack. Last Wednesday, a Taliban attack on a NATO convoy near the Afghan capital, Kabul, killed two civilians and wounded five Czech troops.

Koreas finish removing land mines from border village

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The two Koreas have completed removing land mines planted at their shared border village as part of efforts to disarm the area located inside the world's most heavily fortified border, South Korean officials said Monday.

The announcement came following a meeting among military officers from the Koreas and the U.S.-led U.N. Command at the border's Panmunjom village earlier Monday. It's the second such trilateral meeting to examine efforts to demilitarize Panmunjom, the most well-known place inside the 248-kilometer (155-mile) -long Demilitarized Zone that bisect the two Koreas.

Disarming the village was among a set of tension-reduction agreements signed by the Koreas' defense chiefs on the sidelines of their leaders' summit in Pyongyang last month.

As the next disarmament steps at Panmunjom, the two Koreas and the U.N. Command agreed on withdrawing weapons and guard posts there by Thursday. The three sides will then spend two days jointly verifying those measures, Seoul's Defense Ministry said in a statement. The Koreas eventually aim to have 35 unarmed personnel from each side guard the village.

Officially, the entire DMZ area, including Panmunjom, is jointly overseen by North Korea and the U.N. Command, a legacy of the Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. North Korea and China signed the armistice on one side, while the U.N. Command signed on the other side. South Korea wasn't a signatory to the agreement.

Panmunjom is where the armistice was signed. Numerous incidents of bloodshed and violence have taken place there since the war's end, and rival soldiers face each other only feet away from each other at Panmunjom.

As part of the September deals, the two Koreas are separately clearing mines from another front-line area, where they plan their first-ever joint searches for the remains of soldiers killed during the Korean War. The Koreas also plan to establish buffer zones along their land and sea boundaries, and a no-fly zone above the border.

Also Monday, officials from the Koreas met at their recently launched liaison office at the North Korean border town of Kaesong for talks on how to cooperate in forestry sectors. General-level officers from the Koreas are to meet for bilateral talks at Panmunjom on Friday to discuss more details about how to implement the tension-reduction deals, according to the South Korean Defense Ministry.

Seoul's liberal government is pushing for greater engagement with North Korea, but U.S. officials say such moves should be in tandem with global efforts to denuclearize North Korea.

World

Treaty exits and extensions top Trump adviser's Moscow talks

MOSCOW (AP)—U.S. President Donald Trump's national security adviser met in Moscow with top Russian officials Monday, less than 48 hours after Trump declared he intended to pull the United States out of a 1987 nuclear weapons treaty.

National Security Adviser John Bolton and his Russian counterpart, Security Council chairman Nikolai Patrushev, discussed arms control agreements, Syria, Iran, North Korea and the fight against terrorism, according to the Security Council.

During the talks, Patrushev emphasized the importance of maintaining the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, the Security Council said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

Trump said that Russia violated the treaty that prohibits the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying ground-launched nuclear cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers (300 to 3,400 miles.)

He warned Saturday that the U.S. will begin developing such weapons unless Russia and China agree not to possess or develop them. China wasn't a party to the pact that was signed in 1987 by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Russia has not adhered to the agreement," Trump said Monday. "We have more money than anybody else by far, we'll build it up until they come to their senses."

"I'm terminating the agreement because they violated the agreement," Trump said, adding that his action was "a threat to whoever you want, and it includes China, and it includes Russia and it includes anybody else that wants to play that game."

Bolton noted in an interview with the Russian business daily Kommersant that the U.S. was concerned both with Russia's violation of the pact and China's intermediate-range missile capabilities. He also added that it would be unrealistic to expect Beijing to accept any limits.

In Monday's talks with Bolton, Patrushev reaffirmed Russia's "readiness for joint work to consider mutual complaints regarding the treaty's implementation," the Security Council said.

"It was underlined that its abrogation would deal a serious blow to the entire international system of nuclear non-proliferation and arms control," the council's statement said.

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U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton, left, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov enter a hall for their talks in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Oct. 22, 2018.

Patrushev and Bolton also discussed a possible five-year extension of another pivotal arms control agreement between Russia and the U.S.—the New START Treaty that went into force in 2011 and is set to expire in 2021, the statement said.

Bolton also held talks later in the day with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and is set to meet with President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, warned Monday that the U.S. withdrawal from the treaty would "make the world a more dangerous place."

He added that Russia would have to take countermeasures to "restore balance" if the U.S. opts out of the agreement.

Peskov reaffirmed Moscow's strong denial of any treaty violations.

"We categorically disagree with the claim that Russia has violated the INF Treaty," he said. "Russia has fully adhered to the treaty's provisions."

He noted that Russia long has voiced concern about what it sees as U.S. violations of the treaty. Russia has charged that U.S. missile defense facilities in Romania could be modified to house ground-to-ground intermediate-range cruise missiles.

Leaked video shows Khashoggi 'body double' after killing

ISTANBUL (AP)—Just hours after writer Jamal Khashoggi was killed in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, a man strolled out of the diplomatic post apparently wearing the columnist's clothes as part of a macabre deception to sow confusion over his fate, according to surveillance video leaked Monday.

The new video broadcast by CNN, as well as a pro-government Turkish newspaper's report that a member of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's entourage made four calls to the royal's office from the consulate around the same time, put ever-increasing pressure on the kingdom. Meanwhile, Turkish crime-scene investigators swarmed a garage Monday night in Istanbul where a Saudi consular vehicle had been parked.

All this came on the eve of Prince Mohammed's high-profile investment summit in Riyadh, which has seen a raft of the world's top business leaders decline to attend over the slaying of the writer for The Washington Post.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who said he would not attend the conference, met with the crown prince on Monday night. The Saudi foreign ministry tweeted out a photo of the two men meeting, and U.S. Treasury spokesman Tony Sayegh said in a separate tweet that Mnuchin raised the Kashoggi investigation in his discussions with the crown prince.

Meanwhile, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has promised that details of Khashoggi's killing "will be revealed in all its nakedness" in an address he'll make before parliament on Tuesday.

"We are faced with a situation in which it was a brutally planned (killing) and efforts were made to cover it up," said Omer Celik, a spokesman for Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party. "God willing, the results will be brought into the open, those responsible will be punished and no one will dare think of carrying out such a thing again."

The kingdom's announcement Saturday that Khashoggi died in a "fistfight" was met with international skepticism and allegations of a cover-up to absolve the 33-year-old crown prince of direct responsibility.

U.S. President Donald Trump told reporters at the White House on Monday that he was "not satisfied with what I've heard," regarding Khashoggi's death. He added: "We will know very soon."

Dangerous Cat 4 Hurricane Willa closes in on Mexico coast

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Authorities rushed to evacuate low-lying areas and set up shelters as an "extremely dangerous" Hurricane Willa with winds of 145 mph (230 kph) headed toward a Tuesday afternoon landfall along a stretch of Mexico's Pacific coast dotted with high-rise resorts, surfing beaches and fishing villages.

Farther south, meanwhile, Mexican officials reported late Monday that there had been 12 deaths related to heavy rains from Tropical Storm Vicente.

Willa briefly reached Category 5 strength, then weakened a bit to Category 4. But the U.S. National Hurricane Center warned that it still was likely to bring "life-threatening storm surge, wind and rainfall" to parts of west-central and southwestern Mexico.

Workers taped up windows in hotels and officials ordered schools closed in a low-lying region where towns sit amid farmland tucked between the sea and lagoons. A decree of "extraordinary emergency" was issued for 19 municipalities in Nayarit and Sinaloa states, the federal Interior Department announced.

Source: NHC
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Officials said 7,000 to 8,000 people were being evacuated from low-lying areas, mostly in Sinaloa state.

The hurricane was expected to first pass over or near the Islas Marias, a group of islands about 60 miles (96 kilometers) offshore that include a nature preserve and a federal prison. Forecasters said Willa would then blow ashore in late afternoon somewhere along a 140-mile (220-kilometer) stretch from the resort city of Mazatlan to San Blas.

Enrique Moreno, mayor of Escuinapa, a municipality of about 60,000 people lying on Willa's potential track, said officials were trying to evacuate everybody in the seaside village of Teacapan. He estimated 3,000 were affected but he expected some would try to stay.

"The people don't want to evacuate, but it's for their security," he said.

About 60 miles (100 kilometers) up the coast in Mazatlan, with a metropolitan-area population of about 500,000, Mayor Jose Joel Boucieguez said officials prepared shelters and were closely monitoring low-lying areas. Mazatlan is a popular vacation spot and home to a large number of American and Canadian expatriates.

Late Monday, Willa was centered about 85 miles (140 kilometers) southwest of the Islas Marias and 195 miles (310 kilometers) south-southwest of Mazatlan. It was moving north at 9 mph (15 kph), but was forecast to make a turn to the northeast during the night.

Hurricane-force winds extended 35 miles (55 kilometers) from the storm's core, and tropical storm-force winds were up to 125 miles (205 kilometers) out.

The U.S. hurricane center warned that Willa could bring 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain—with up to 18 inches (45 centimeters) in some places—to parts of Jalisco, Nayarit and Sinaloa states, with flash flooding and landslides possible in mountainous areas.

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In this Nov. 9, 2017, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump, right, chats with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

China-US ties sinking amid acrimony over trade, politics

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING (AP)—"Both ignorant and malicious" was how the official China Daily newspaper recently described comments by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, offering a stinging insight into the current bitter tone of discourse between the two countries.

The White House's move to expand Washington's dispute with Beijing beyond trade and technology and into accusations of political meddling has sunk relations between the world's two largest economies to the lowest level since the Cold War.

A major speech by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on Oct. 4 was the clearest, highest-level sign that U.S. strategy was turning away from engagement to confrontation. Pence accused China of interfering in the upcoming midterm elections to undermine President Donald Trump's tough trade policies against Beijing, warned other countries to be wary of Beijing's "debt diplomacy" and denounced China's actions in the South China Sea.

"What the Russians are doing pales in comparison to what China is doing across this country," Pence told an audience at the Hudson Institute think tank in Washington.

Both sides are trading increasingly sharp accusations over human rights and global hegemony, exposing an ideological divide that pits the two on a path of confrontation with no clear resolution in sight.

While a military clash has not been ruled out, American-based analysts envision a continuing push-and-pull for dominance between Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, China's most dominant—and repressive—leader since Mao Zedong. Xi's aggressive foreign policy and authoritarian ways have altered views of China across the board.

"What has happened is a sea change in U.S. perceptions of China," said June Teufel Dreyer, an expert on Chinese politics who teaches political science at the University of Miami. While Chinese officials privately say they're concerned about the sharp deterioration in ties, especially given the massive links between the two in trade, immigration and education, it appears Beijing is more than willing to go toe-to-toe under the new circumstances.

Increasingly, the perception that as China grew more prosperous it would fall in line with global values and international law has been exploded. Into that breach has come hardening U.S. rhetoric toward Beijing and actions to counter, deter or defy China's moves in the international sector, particularly its "Belt and Road" trade and infrastructure initiative that seeks to expand Beijing's economic and political footprint from Cambodia to Cairo.

Trump's first national security strategy, released last year, also labeled China a "revisionist power" alongside Russia.

Beijing's outrage at Pompeo, meanwhile, was prompted by his recent warnings to Latin American countries about the dangers of accepting Chinese infrastructure loans that are a key aspect of Xi's signature foreign policy project.

"U.S.-China relations have deteriorated to their worst point" since the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests in Beijing that were crushed by the Chinese military, said Michael Kovrig, senior adviser for Northeast Asia at the International Crisis Group.

"It may not be a clash of civilizations, but it is a long-festering conflict of national, political and economic interest and systems that has reached a point of rupture," Kovrig said.

Xi has abandoned the strategy laid out by reformist leader Deng Xiaoping that China should bide its time and refrain from advertising its ambitions to become a world power. Instead, he has been accused of overreach by promoting China's drive to become a global technology leader by 2025, including by compelling foreign companies to hand over their know-how, and pushing Chinese-financed energy and transportation projects that leave target countries with unsustainable amounts of debt.

On the military front, a Chinese destroyer last month maneuvered perilously close to the USS Decatur in the South China Sea. The Chinese also denied a request for a U.S. Navy ship to visit Hong Kong and rejects U.S. concerns over its policies toward other countries.

"The U.S. simply aims to drive a wedge between China and relevant countries with those remarks," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Monday. "It is meaningless and futile."

The tart rhetoric is evident on both sides.

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in a speech last week that China's government "is engaged in the persecution of religious and ethnic minorities that is straight out of George Orwell," referencing the internment of Muslims in the country's northwest in political reeducation camps.

This month, the United States went further by threatening to pull out of the Universal Postal Union because it says the treaty allows China to ship packages to the U.S. at discounted rates at the expense of American businesses.

Underlying the estrangement is the sense that Beijing lacks reciprocity, taking advantage of open markets and free societies to extend its interests, while denying the same benefits to companies, governments and individuals over which it has influence.

"My bottom line view is that Xi Jinping very much overplayed his hand taking advantage of the restrained and moderate (former President Barack) Obama," said Robert Sutter, a China expert at George Washington University. "Now he has an enormous American series of challenges to deal with, with no easy solutions."

While Chinese companies—often backed by easy credit from state banks—have been snapping up foreign assets, Beijing restricts such foreign purchases in key sectors such as energy, transport and telecommunications. Although China has loosened some joint-venture demands, including in the auto industry, that may be too little too late.

China is "not very willing to constrain itself under rules that it feels were forced upon it," said Dean Cheng, senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation in Washington. "This includes the international trading system, which is dominated by the U.S."

Still, attempts to contain China along the lines laid out during the Cold War would be "difficult, if not impossible," given the broad range of contacts across political, economic and personal spheres, Cheng said.

The U.S. has also reinforced ties with Taiwan—claimed by China as its own territory—building an impressive new de facto embassy there, approving a major sale of military parts and services, and authorizing companies to help the self-governing island democracy build submarines to defend itself from China's threats to use force to bring it under Beijing's control.

The tensions are underscored by political uncertainties in both countries. Trump faces a referendum of sorts on his policies in next month's midterm elections, while Xi has come under rare criticism at home since he forced through a constitutional amendment in March to allow him to remain president indefinitely.

Xi is also beset by a slowing economy, made worse by U.S. tariffs that threaten the jobs of millions of Chinese workers. While China has retaliated with its own tariffs on U.S. goods, the loss of American markets will likely be a major drag on growth.

All such factors appear to speak poorly for any immediate resolution to the frictions.

Michael Mazza, a foreign policy expert at the conservative American Enterprise Institute think tank in Washington, said "competition will remain the norm" between the two countries unless China is willing to make significant changes in its domestic, economic and foreign policies.

"At this point, there is little reason to suspect that such a shift is in the offing," Mazza said.

Good Housekeeping

Georgia roadsides: Dazzling with flowers and butterflies

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Recently I seemingly awoke from a daze while driving Interstate 85 north of Columbus, Ga., beautiful Pine Mountain was in the distance and a sea of yellow orange lavender and pink was almost iridescently glowing in the middle of the divided highway. I went back the next day, got out of the car and walked to the middle surround by thousands upon thousands of cosmos flowers. I have to admit it was exhilarating and The Greatest Show on Earth, especially to a nature kind of guy.

Last year the Georgia Department of Transportation is taught all of us about the old floral favorite Cosmos bipinnatus that needs to be brought back to the garden. This cosmos is an annual easy to grow and drought tolerant can comes in shades of lavender, rose, pink and white. This year GDOT taught us about the false theory on some color combinations such as pink and rose don't work with yellow and flaming orange. These long stretches of an already scenic highway dazzled with colors reminiscent of a desert sunset.

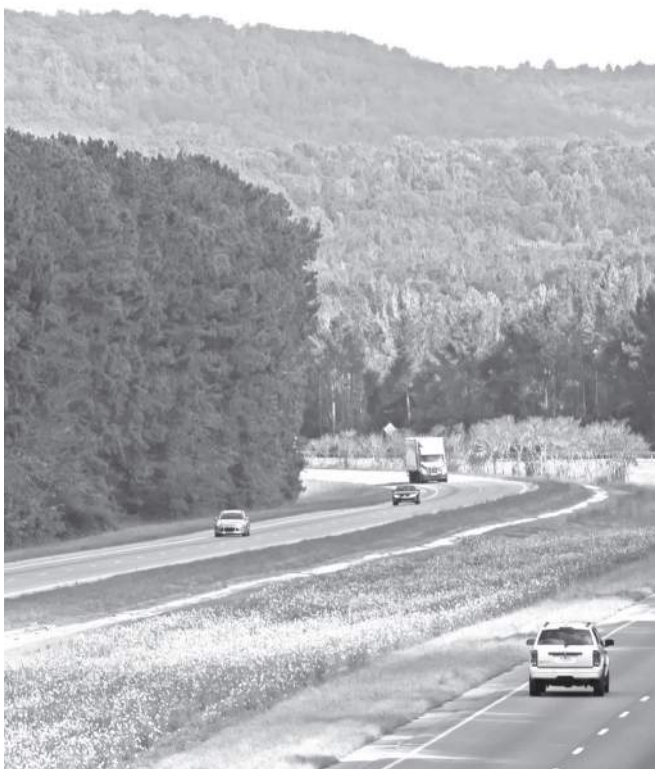
So, you gather that this year they combined the Cosmos bipinnatus or Mexican aster with the flaming hot colors of the Cosmos sulphureus or Sulphur cosmos. The partnership is staggering in its beauty. This cosmos is similar in that it is from Mexico, grown as an annual and tough-as-nails. The fact that the winds and torrential rains from Hurricane Michael didn't faze them has to be considered a testimony to their durability.

GDOT has been revved up on planting for pollinators along the highway system, and if the powers to be saw what I did they should be doing the happy dance, high-fiving and planning for the years to come. I'll tell you straight-up I was surprised when I walked to the middle of the flowers. There were more Monarch's than I could count. There were also Common Buckeyes everywhere along with Gulf Fritillaries, Sulphurs, Skippers and an assortment of bees and wasps.

Cosmos gets its name from the Greek word kosmos as in beautiful, decoration and ornament. Indeed, they are dazzling in the cottage garden, cut-flower garden, backyard habitat and along the road ways. Cosmos have daisy-like flowers 2 to 4 inches in width with orange centers. You'll find some selections of Cosmos sulphureus bearing double flowers. They are so easy to grow from seed, you can sow successive plantings to have blooms the entire growing season, especially if you want to have a bounty of flowers for the vase too.

Next spring plant your seeds or nursery-grown transplants into loose, well-drained soil. Fertility need not be high for this Mexico native. Seeds germinate in five to seven days with blooms, bees and butterflies in eight to 10 weeks. Thin the seedlings or space transplants 12 to 36 inches apart depending on your variety.

A web search will reveal a lot of varieties of both the Cosmos bipinnatus and the Cosmos sulphueus. Like the GDOT, don't be afraid to plant both species of this Aster relative together, it just may make your show complete.



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With Pine Mountain in the distance this portion of I-185 in Georgia is dazzling with Cosmos flowers separating the north and south bound lanes.

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This Common Buckeye found the sulphur cosmos on I-185 in Georgia to be the perfect feast.

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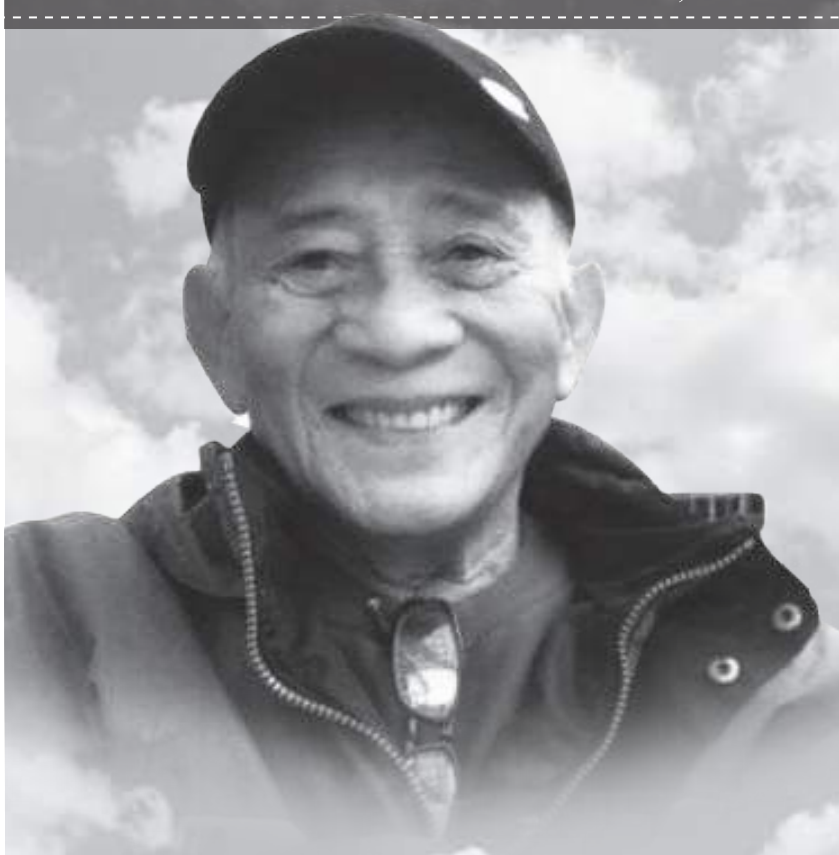


In his new life, he now joins his:

Wife: †Leticia P. Villacrusis

Parents: †Toribio Villadelrey Villacrusis
†Apolonia Ruffy Villacrusis

Brothers and Sisters:
†Victorio R. Villacrusis
†Antonia V. Oliva

His memory will forever live in the hearts of his:

Children and Spouse: Estelita and Luciano Larin (Leicester Allan, Elaine Suzanne, Lawrence Allan, Ella Suzanne, and Lorena)
Arsenio Noel and Eduviges Villacrusis (Ryan Gil, Christian Gil, Christine Ann, Rachel Ann, Heizel Ann, and Marie Antonette)
Ma. Corazon Villacrusis (†Ma. Angelica)
Ma. Theresa Santos and Enrico San Jose (Elijah Gabryl)
Ronnie B. Santos (Aeron James, Kathleen Rushell)
Alena and Zaldy Angsioco (Sheila Grace, Sean Dominic, Mark Darren, and Mya Allyson)
Joseph Villacrusis (Tyler Josiah, Jaden Kaye, Kya Tyanne, and Aliiyah Jo)
Sister: Iluminada Villacrusis

He is also survived by numerous Great Grand Children

Daily mass of intention is offered at 6:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Funeral service will be held on Monday, October 29, 2018. His remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral home at 7:30 a.m. and proceed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Public viewing and rosary will follow upon arrival. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

Your prayers, thoughts, and presence is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Villacrusis Family

Life & Style

Rowling, Tolkien, Austen novels vie for bragging rights

The results are in for an impassioned national election that put the popularity of candidates Jane Austen, J.R.R. Tolkien and J.K. Rowling on the line.

The effort to discover America's best-loved novel—and promote reading—ends with the winner announced on Tuesday's 8 p.m. EDT finale (check local listings) of PBS' "The Great American Read." The series profiled the contenders and let bookworms, famous and not, advocate for their pick.

More than 4 million votes were cast over six months, PBS said, with Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series and Rowling's "Harry Potter" saga making the top 10 on an alphabetical-order list that was released as voting wrapped last week.

The other front-runners were "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White; "The Chronicles of Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis; "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell; "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte; "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott; the "Outlander" series by Diana Gabaldon; and "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

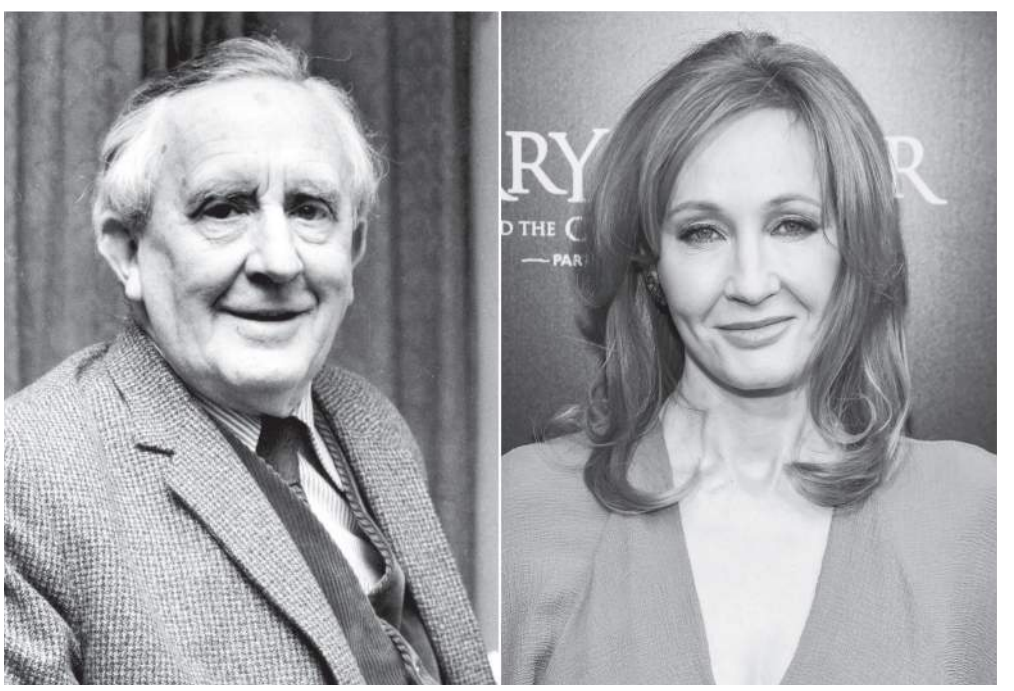
"Harry Potter" was among the multivolume series that counted as a single entry. Given its hold on the modern imagination on the page, screen and stage, it might be the obvious winner.

Eliyannah Yisrael, who discovered Rowling's magic touch about 15 years ago as a Chicago State University student, was among its vocal boosters on "The Great American Read" and beyond.

"Listen, me and 'Harry Potter' are going to take this thing to the end. I want to be victorious," Yisrael told a TV critics' gathering last summer.

Series host Meredith Vieira didn't spill the beans in a recent interview. But she was glad to tout the initiative's ripple effect, including a nearly 50,000-member online book club and more than 5 million views for series-related video content across PBS platforms, Facebook and YouTube.

"We forget the power of a book, not just on individuals but on groups of people. There's something wonderful about sitting down with your friends and talking about a book," Vieira said. "And ultimately with these novels you learn something more about yourself. They force you to question who you are, your values as an individual, your values as a society."



This combination photo shows J.R.R. Tolkien, author of "The Lord of the Rings," series in 1967, left, and J. K. Rowling, author of the "Harry Potter" series at the "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" Broadway opening in New York on April 22, 2018. AP

About a fifth of the 100 books were provocative enough that they've been censored in some manner, said series executive producer Jane Root, who called that number "astounding."

"We were expecting it to be two or three. But a huge number of books, I think because of their potency and the power of the relationship that you have with a really great book, they upset people," she said. "They disturbed the waters. They make people fearful."

Some popular books simply have a whiz-bang story to tell, with top 100 titles "Fifty Shades of Grey" and "The Da Vinci Code" making the point.

The list was based on an initial survey of about 7,000 Americans, with an advisory panel of experts organizing the 100-contender list. Books had to have been published in English but not written in the language, and one book or series per author was allowed.

A fair amount of regional partisanship emerged. Louisiana voters were alone in ranking native son John Kennedy Toole's "A Confederacy of Dunces" in the top 10, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" was No. 6 in New York and Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" was a front-runner with readers in his home state of Missouri.

Voters also went big for sci-fi and fantasy both past and present, with representatives including Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" and George R.R. Martin's "Game of Thrones" epic.

The point of "The Great American Read" initiative has been made no matter what work ends up as No. 1, Vieira said.

"Getting people to vote in a way is a gimmick," she said, a way to reinvigorate the love of reading and to foster discussions about why and how certain books resonate with people.

But while readers' passions may run high, she said, the divisiveness so rampant in politics is happily absent.

"It doesn't matter where you fall. People I've spoken to who liked books I didn't have inspired me to take second look at them, like 'Game of Thrones,'" Vieira said. "I don't leave a project like this and not feel optimistic." ***(AP)***

Bible Museum admits some of its Dead Sea Scrolls are fake

WASHINGTON (AP)—When Washington's $500 million Museum of the Bible held its grand opening in November 2017, attended by Vice President Mike Pence, there were questions even then about the authenticity of its centerpiece collection of Dead Sea Scrolls.

Now the museum has been forced to admit a painful truth: Technical analysis by a team of German scholars has revealed that at least five of the museum's 16 scroll fragments are apparent forgeries.

The announcement has serious implications not only for the Bible Museum but for other evangelical Christian individuals and institutions who paid top dollar for what now seems to be a massive case of archaeological fraud.

Jeffrey Kloha, chief curator for the Museum of the Bible, said in a statement that the revelation is "an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of verifying the authenticity of rare biblical artifacts, the elaborate testing process undertaken and our commitment to transparency."

The scrolls are a collection of ancient Jewish religious texts first discovered in the mid-1940s in caves on the western shore of the Dead Sea in what is now Israel. The massive cache of Hebrew documents is believed to date back to the days of Jesus. With more than 9,000 documents and 50,000 fragments, the entire collection took decades to fully excavate.

Most of the scrolls and fragments are tightly controlled by the Israeli Antiquities Authority. But around 2002, a wave of new fragments began mysteriously appearing on the market, despite skepticism from Biblical scholars.

These fragments, they warned, were specifically designed to target American evangelical Christians, who prize the scrolls. That appears to be exactly what happened; a Baptist seminary in Texas and an evangelical college in California reportedly paid millions to purchase alleged pieces of the scrolls.

Also eagerly buying up fragments was the Green family—evangelical Oklahoma billionaires who run the Hobby Lobby chain of craft stores and who famously sued the Obama administration on religious grounds, saying they didn't want to pay to provide their employees access to the morning-after pill or intrauterine devices.

The Greens are the primary backers of the Museum of the Bible and went on an archaeological acquisition spree in the years leading up to the museum's opening. In addition to the alleged Dead Sea Scrolls fragments, the Greens ran afoul of the Justice Department, which said they had acquired thousands of smuggled artifacts looted from Iraq and elsewhere. The family agreed last year to return those artifacts and pay a $3 million fine.

2 rarely seen Hemingway stories coming out

NEW YORK (AP)—Two Ernest Hemingway stories written in the mid-1950s and rarely seen since will be published next year.

The director of Hemingway's literary estate, Michael Katakis, told The Associated Press recently that "The Monument" and "Indian Country and the White Army" will be included with a special reissue of the author's classic "For Whom the Bell Tolls." The new edition also will include the story "A Room on the Garden Side," which had been little known beyond the scholarly community before The Strand Magazine published it over the summer.

"For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Hemingway Library Edition" is scheduled for the summer of 2019. The celebrated novel, set during the Spanish Civil War, was in the news earlier this year. It was a favorite of Sen. John McCain, who died in August, and the title of an HBO documentary about the Arizona Republican and Vietnam War veteran.

Katakis, whose "Ernest Hemingway: Artifacts from a Life" comes out this week, has overseen numerous posthumous projects. He has worked in coordination with the author's son, Patrick Hemingway, on reissues of "A Moveable Feast," "Green Hills of Africa" and other books, along with the controversial publication of "True at First Light," which Ernest Hemingway had left unfinished when he killed himself in 1961.

"I've been talking to Patrick for a long time and we always ask the same question, 'Is there a reason for this to be released?'" Katakis said during a telephone interview.

PBS docuseries 'Native America' recreates cultures pre-1492

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—The story of Native America taught in U.S. public schools usually begins at contact with European explorers. Children then get lessons about Thanksgiving, maybe the Trail of Tears or the 19th century wars over the removal of tribes in the American West. Rarely discussed is life in the Americas before Columbus' 1492 voyage.

A new four-part PBS docuseries entitled "Native America" seeks to recreate a world in the Americas generations prior to the arrival of Europeans. Using archaeology, Native American oral traditions, even high-tech 3D renditions, viewers are presented images of busy cities connected by networks that span from the present-day United States to South America.

The docuseries shows how Chaco Canyon in New Mexico became a busy spiritual and commercial center that stood five stories high in the desert sky, centuries before skyscrapers went up in New York.

They also discuss the tunnel under a pyramid in Teotihuacán, Mexico, that revealed an intricate belief system that was also found elsewhere. And outside present-day St. Louis, Missouri, 10,000 people helped erect massive earthwork pyramids into a city now known as Cahokia around the time the real-life Macbeth ruled Scotland.

Series executive producer and director Gary Glassman said the project took more than a year to plan because producers wanted to make sure they had buy-in from Native American communities the documentaries sought to cover.

'Wonder Woman' sequel pushed back to summer 2020

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The world will have to wait a little longer for the "Wonder Woman" sequel, which will now arrive in theaters in summer 2020.

Warner Bros. announced Monday that "Wonder Woman 1984" will now open on June 5, 2020. The film starring Gal Gadot as the Amazonian superhero had been slated for a November 2019 release.

Patty Jenkins is returning as director and has teased fans with tidbits about the series' time jump to the 1980s.

The first "Wonder Woman" was a major blockbuster for Warner Bros.' DC Comics franchise. The film earned more than $800 million globally. The original became the most successful live-action film directed by a woman.

The sequel would have been released a month after the "Joker" which is scheduled to open on Oct. 4, 2019.

Amy Schumer took long way around to announce she's pregnant

Amy Schumer took the long way around to announce she's pregnant with husband Chris Fischer.

The comedian and actress broke her baby news Monday on the Instagram stories of friend and journalist Jessica Yellin . Yellin, of the site NewsNotNoise.org, showed at the end of a list of Schumer's recommended congressional and gubernatorial candidates the line: "I'm pregnant-Amy Schumer."

Schumer is known for her liberal politics: She was recently arrested protesting the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 37-year-old made her film debut in the 2015 film "Trainwreck." She starred this year in the movie "I Feel Pretty." Schumer married Fischer, a chef, in February. ***(AP)***

'Shark Tank' backs late 9/11 cleaner's idea, pitched by kids

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The sharks on "Shark Tank" are supporting an invention created by a New York City firefighter who died of cancer after helping clean up the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Kevin Young's children on Sunday pitched his Cup Board Pro, a chopping block that features a detachable bowl for cleanup. The 53-year-old died in March, months before the ABC show taped the segment.

His children explained their dad had to delay his project because their mom was diagnosed with breast cancer and died in August 2012.

The panel decided to invest $100,000 in the project and pledged to donate any proceeds to support firefighters who have illnesses related to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Stephen Hawking's wheelchair, thesis for sale

LONDON (AP)—Stephen Hawking was a cosmic visionary, a figure of inspiration and a global celebrity.

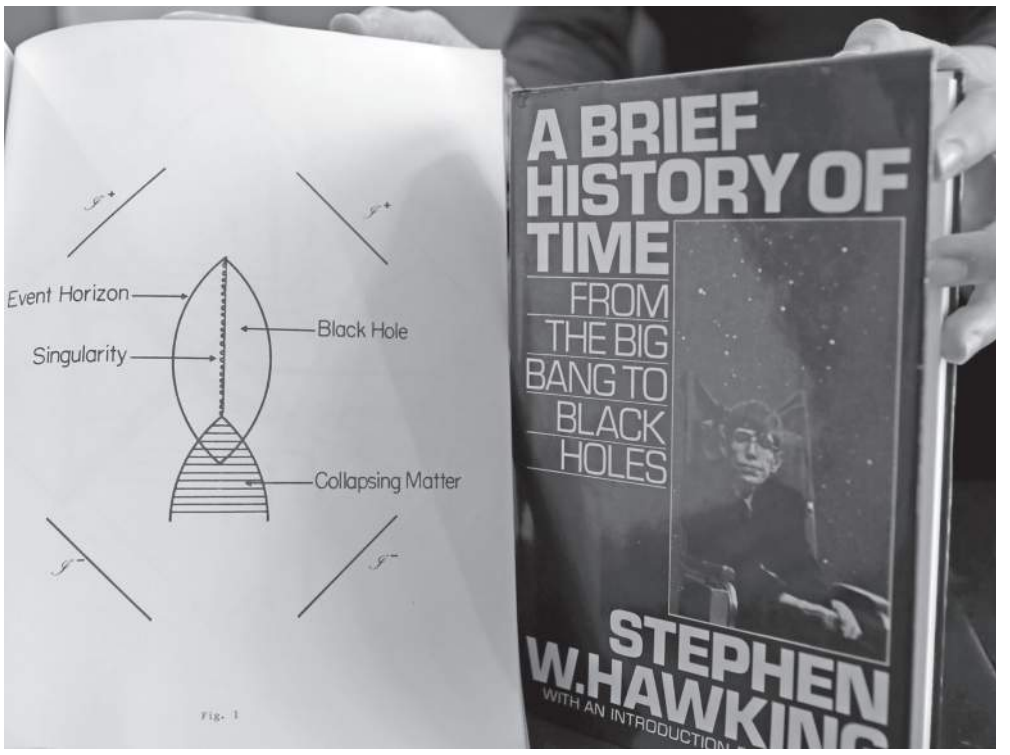
His unique status is reflected in an upcoming auction of some of the late physicist's possessions: It includes complex scientific papers, one of the world's most iconic wheelchairs and a script from "The Simpsons."

The online sale announced Monday by auctioneer Christie's features 22 items from Hawking, including his doctoral thesis on the origins of the universe, some of his many awards, and scientific papers such as "Spectrum of Wormholes" and "Fundamental Breakdown of Physics in Gravitational Collapse."

Thomas Venning, head of books and manuscripts at Christie's, said the papers "trace the development of his thought—this brilliant, electrifying intelligence."

"You can see each advance as he produced it and introduced it to the scientific community," Venning said.

Of course, Hawking's fame rests only partly on his scientific status as the cosmologist who put black holes on the map.



AP

A book, and scripts by Stephen Hawking are among the personal and academic possessions of Stephen Hawking at the auction house Christies in London, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018.

Diagnosed with motor neuron disease at 22 and given just a few years to live, he survived for decades, dying in March at 76.

The auction includes one of five existing copies of Hawking's 1965 Cambridge University Ph.D. thesis, "Properties of Expanding Universes," which carries an estimated price of 100,000 pounds to 150,000 pounds ($130,000 to $195,000).

Venning said the thesis, signed by Hawking in handwriting made shaky by his illness, is both a key document in the physicist's scientific evolution and a glimpse into his personal story.

"He was diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) just as he arrived in Cambridge to begin his Ph.D. studies," Venning said. "He gave up his studies for a time because he was so despondent.

The thesis "was the fruit of him reapplying himself to his scientific work," Venning said, and Hawking "kept it beside him for the rest of his life."

The disease eventually left Hawking almost completely paralyzed. He communicated through a voice-generating computer and moved in a series of high-tech wheelchairs. One is included in the sale, with an estimated price of 10,000 pounds to 15,000 pounds ($13,000 to $19,500). Proceeds from its sale will go to two charities, the Stephen Hawking Foundation and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Venning said the wheelchair became a symbol not just of disability but of Hawking's "puckish sense of humor." He once ran over Prince Charles' toes—and reportedly joked that he wished he had done the same to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher—and appeared in a "Monty Python" skit running down fellow physicist Brian Cox.

Venning said Hawking "very much thought of himself as a scientist first and a popular communicator second," but accepted and even enjoyed his celebrity status. He appeared several times on animated comedy show "The Simpsons" and kept a figurine of himself from the show in his office.

The sale includes a script from one of Hawking's "Simpson's" appearances, a copy of his best-seller "A Brief History of Time" signed with a thumbprint and a personalized bomber jacket that he wore in a documentary.

Hawking's daughter Lucy said the sale gave "admirers of his work the chance to acquire a memento of our father's extraordinary life in the shape of a small selection of evocative and fascinating items."

Hawking's children hope to preserve his scientific archive for the nation. Christie's is handling negotiations to hand it over to British authorities in lieu of inheritance tax.

The items—part of a science sale that includes papers by Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and Albert Einstein—will be on display in London for several days from Oct. 30. The auction is open for bids between Oct. 31 and Nov. 8.

Wife's close friend gets too close for husband's comfort

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Grace," and I have been happily married for 48 years. We're retired and enjoy an active sex life. Grace has a female friend, "Ricky," we have known more than 45 years. She's a close friend, and they often get together for lunch.

Ricky has been an out lesbian for many years and, in the past, had female companions. The problem is she repeatedly asks Grace to do things on Saturday evenings. She has also invited her to spend the night and tells her how much she loves her. My wife loves Ricky, too, but strictly as a friend and has not encouraged her in any way.

I'm not ordinarily the jealous type, but I'm convinced Ricky is in love with my wife. I have been tempted to tell her to quit making advances, but I don't want to cause the end of the friendship. I have told Grace how I feel, and she agrees. In fact, she has told me about some of the requests Ricky has made and she has rejected. I believe Ricky has crossed the line. What do you think?

CROSSED THE LINE

DEAR CROSSED THE LINE: Your wife is not responsible for the fact that her longtime friend may be in love with her. I agree that asking your wife to spend the night is inappropriate, but Ricky may want more of Grace's time because she's simply single and lonely. The person to set boundaries would be your wife, who needs to tell her friend that her Saturday nights belong to you, and as much as she loves Ricky, she's unavailable as a romantic partner.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together nearly four years. When we got together, he was in the process of gaining custody of his daughter because his ex abused drugs. We have raised "Arlette" ever since, and her mother is out of the picture.

Arlette calls me Mom, and we have a strong bond. Her father and I have a very strained marriage. We separated several times because he was abusive. I have been giving serious thought to leaving him, but because I have no legal rights to Arlette, I stay. I lost custody of my own daughter because of his abuse, and although my older children don't care for him, they, too, have a very strong bond with his daughter.

I'm unhappy and I do not feel this marriage can be saved. I am at a loss, though, thinking about leaving his daughter. She's only 4. How do I move on with my life knowing I won't have a relationship with this child I consider my own?

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DEAR LIKE MY OWN: Because of your husband's history of abuse, my first suggestion is to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at thehotline.org or by calling (800) 799-7233. Having lost custody of your own daughter because of his abuse, there is good reason to believe he would abuse Arlette if she is left alone with him. While you're at it, consider running this scenario past a social worker who is well versed in the ins and outs of the system.

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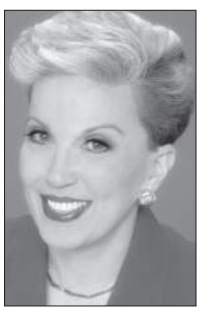

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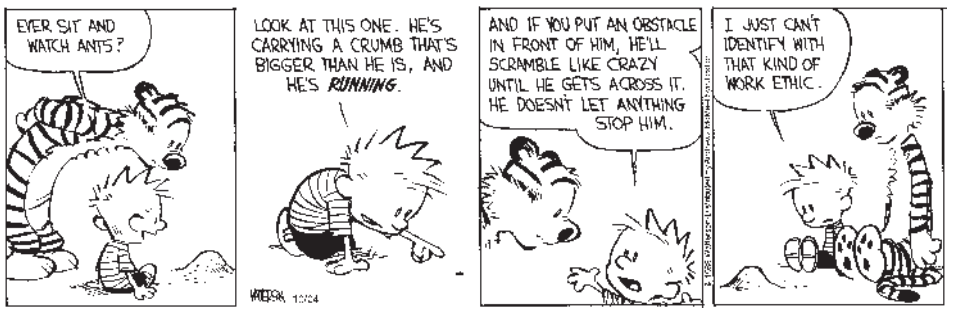
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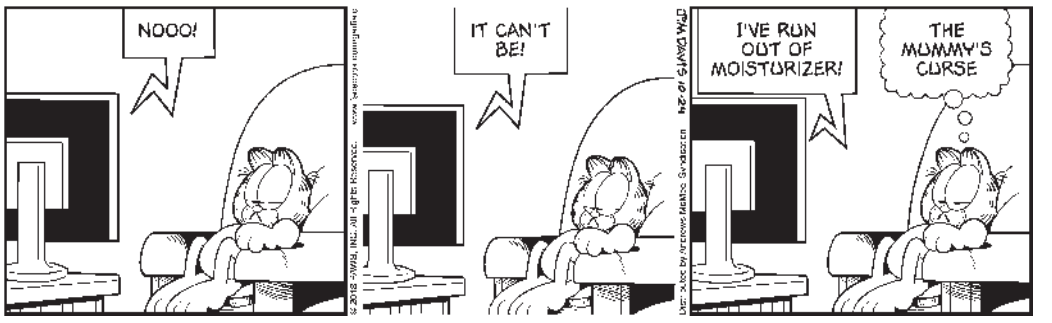

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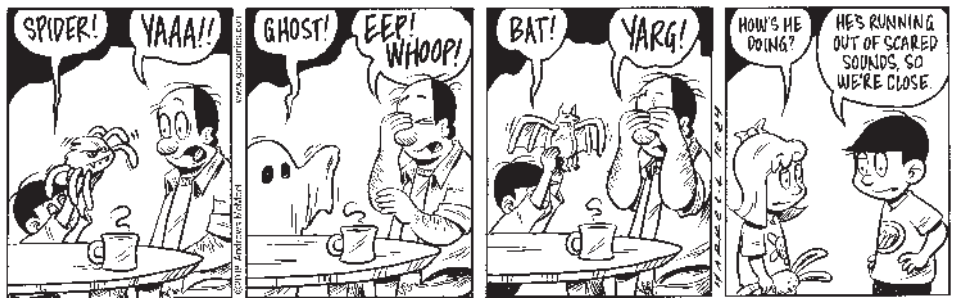

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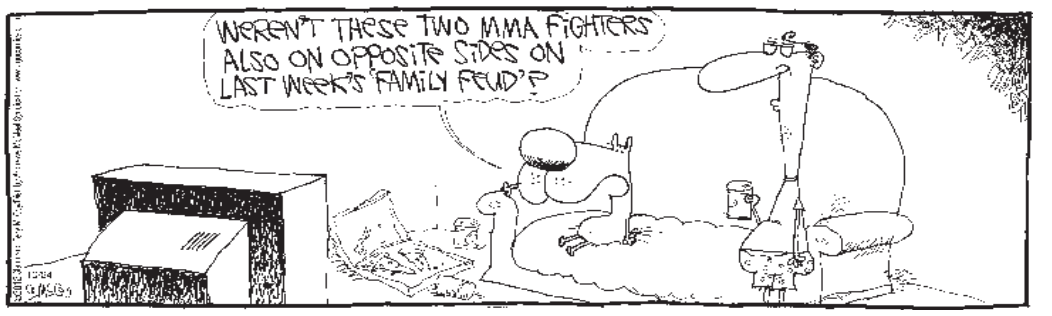

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By Eugene Sheffer

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14 Crowd noise
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19 Frozen spike
21 Denny's rival
24 Chemical suffix
25 Marathoner's tempo
28 War god
30 Layer
33 GI's address
34 "— were the days!"
35 Golf prop
36 Buddhist sect
37 Operates
38 Whispered "Hey!"
39 "— Sera, Sera"
41 Asian desert
43 Booze-hounds
46 Explosion
50 Genesis shepherd
51 Bandshell events
54 Exhaust
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59 Indigent

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20 Sherlock's assignment
22 Pearl Harbor site
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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Keep moving forward, regardless of what others do. Your intent should be to get things finished so you can engage in new projects. Deter others from taking advantage of you or pressuring you to take care of their responsibilities. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Step up and be proactive. Refuse to let someone's bad mood or temper get in the way. Bring about change that encourages you to be a better person. Handle partnerships fairly and strive for equality in all your dealings. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Some behind-the-scenes talks will take place. Don't offer too much personal information. Protect against being used or letting someone involve you in gossip that could end up hurting your reputation. Say little and listen carefully to what's being said. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Lend a helping hand and make a difference. Your input will encourage others to support your actions and pitch in. The connections you make will lead to an unusual opportunity that should not be ignored. Positive change is heading your way. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Watch what others do, but don't get involved. It's important to keep your distance from anyone showing signs of bad behavior or indulgence. Problems with relationships should be handled without letting emotions like anger take over. Do your own thing. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Communication is the road to success. Set up meetings, discuss pending problems, negotiate for what you want and show good faith by offering incentives. Much can be accomplished. Take pride in what you do, and you'll gain respect. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Consider what you need to accomplish, and put a plan in place that will limit anyone's meddling. A change of heart will lead to an adjustment that will settle your emotions and point you in a direction that is better for you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Alter the way you treat others, and you will change the dynamics regarding important relationships. Showing confidence in those around you will encourage the same in return. Teamwork will help you achieve what you set out to do. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Look past any differences you have with others, but don't forget the past. Trust has to be earned, not bought. A change in your inner circle will help you establish a stable lifestyle with less stress and pressure. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Look, see and do. Bring about the changes that make you happy. Say what's on your mind; you'll be able to persuade others to help you to turn your ideas into something concrete. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Take a wait-and-see approach to handling money, legal and health issues. Do your research and make connections with experts instead of listening to someone who claims to know a lot but usually leads you on a wild-goose chase. ✪✪

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Cora puts players 1st in run to World Series

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Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora, middle, chats with catchers, Christian Vazquez, left, and Sandy Leon, right, during a baseball workout at Fenway Park, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Boston. The Red Sox are preparing for Game 1 of the baseball World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers scheduled for Tuesday in Boston.

BOSTON — When Alex Cora was hired to manage the Red Sox a year ago, he knew he wanted to put relationships with his players first.

It made him a success as general manager of Puerto Rico in the 2017 World Baseball Classic, again as a GM and manager in the Puerto Rican Winter League and as bench coach for the Houston Astros during their World Series title run last season.

Cora was toting those lessons with him when he arrived at spring training to find a talented, young Boston team in need of a new voice following back-to-back early exits from the postseason.

He made his new team a promise during their first meeting.

"I told them no matter what I was going to strive to be genuine and accessible," Cora said.

Six months later, the 43-year-old known to his players as "A.C." has remade the culture of the Red Sox clubhouse by taking a player-centric approach that pointed them toward a franchise-record 108 wins in the regular season.

"I learned talking to players is not bad, having a relationship with players is not bad," Cora said. "Doing that, you're going to get the best out of them. People may think that crossing that line is not helpful, but I see it the other way around, and I lived it."

It's continued in the playoffs with an AL Division Series victory over the Yankees and an AL Championship Series win over the Astros that has Boston back in the World Series for the first time since 2013.

With four victories over the Los Angeles Dodgers, Cora can become the fifth manager to win the championship in his first season, joining Bob Brenly (Arizona, 2001), Ralph Houk (Yankees, 1961), Eddie Dyer (Cardinals, 1946) and Bucky Harris (Washington Senators, 1924).

While the Red Sox have benefited this season from roster changes such as the addition of slugger J.D. Martinez, Cora's success isn't a surprise to those that have seen the former player embrace the dual challenges of managing personalities and day-to-day decisions.

Pitcher David Price had a difficult time acclimating to Boston's unforgiving sports environment during his first two seasons of the seven-year, $217 million deal he signed in 2015.

He's found a groove this month, breaking through with his first career victory as a starter in the postseason, pitching the clinching Game 5 of the ALCS to help the Red Sox advance. Price credits Cora with being a calming presence.

"Just his demeanor. It doesn't change," Price said. "I know it's easy to not change when your team wins 108 games in the regular season. But he hasn't changed one bit."

They've also connected on a personal level. Cora had twin daughters last season and Price has a 17-month son.

"Got two little twin girls that aren't letting him sleep," Price said. "Just for him to do what he's done for us this year has been sweet."

Cora also doesn't wait for players to approach him. Prior to the start of the regular season he had a meeting with Mookie Betts, Xander Bogaerts and Jackie Bradley Jr. The topic? Letting them know it's OK to share their emotions on the field.

"I think people should know who they really are with the way they act on the field," Cora said. "Like Mookie and I talk about him smiling, and Jackie, who is very quiet, the other day he hit that double and he celebrated, finally. And that's what it's all about. This is October."

Along with is personal touch, Cora has beefed up Boston's analytics department and assembled a coaching staff that eagerly puts them in play. It has been infused with an offensive approach focused less on power hitting, a style that encourages an aggressive hitting mentality, lots of hit-and-runs and active running of the bases.

That paid off with Betts and Martinez becoming the first MLB teammates to finish first and second in batting average and slugging percentage since 1904.

Add to that, being bilingual enabled the Puerto Rican-born Cora to connect with Boston's Spanish-speaking players on a more personal level. It's a rare luxury in a league that doesn't have many Latino managers.

It's an atmosphere in which players feel free to come to Cora with their concerns, infielder Brock Holt said.

"I think that trust that he has in us makes it easy for us to go out and be us and not worry about results or anything like that, just go out and play the game," he said.

While Cora has certainly employed things that worked during his time on the Astros' staff, Houston manager AJ Hinch said Cora is doing things very much his own way now.

Kershaw to take mound in unfamiliar territory

Clayton Kershaw took a couple of wrong turns as he departed a press obligation in search of the visiting clubhouse at Fenway Park. The twisting ramps and low ceilings of the 106-year-old ballpark can vex even frequent visitors, which the Los Angeles Dodgers certainly are not.

Tuesday night, they'll play their first game here since 2010, and Kershaw will climb the mound once populated by Babe Ruth for the first time in his career, not that he's particularly fixated on adding ballpark No. 30 to his dossier.

"I appreciate the history and everything that goes along with Fenway Park," Kershaw said Monday. "Check this one off as far as pitching tomorrow, but I don't really think about the history part of it too much."

And besides, the mound may be unfamiliar, but the territory isn't: For the second time in as many years, Kershaw will start Game 1 of the World Series, still seeking, in his 11th season, the championship that would serve as the jewel of what will be a Hall of Fame career.

It was in Game 1 of the 2017 World Series that Kershaw produced what might be his October masterpiece: A seven-inning, 11-strikeout, no-walk domination of the Houston Astros that pushed the Dodgers as close to a championship as they've been since 1988.

They never did hold the Series advantage after that, with the Astros' wild 13-12 Game 5 win—a game Kershaw started—proving too much to overcome.

And so Kershaw is back, surrounded again by a great team yet still asked to do so much.

He threw the final pitch in Game 7 of the National League Championship Series on Saturday night, taking the baton from closer Kenley Jansen to record the final three outs of a 5-1 victory that assured the Dodgers' second consecutive pennant.

One night later, he was atop a bullpen mound at Fenway, clad in shorts in the evening chill, making sure he came out of his 15-pitch outing OK.

Now, he will once again throw the Dodgers' first pitch of a World Series, his tone resolute but far from desperate.

"You know, I really want to win the World Series," he mused. "I think that's no different than the other 50 guys in both locker rooms. I think the only difference, maybe, is that because we've gotten so close in the past, because we've gotten to go to the postseason, we're a little bit spoiled in our expectations every year with the Dodgers, which is a great thing.

"When we go to the postseason six times in a row, it becomes that much more evident that we're very fortunate to be on a great team, but we're still missing that ring."

Starter Sale pitching for ring

Chris Sale would rather talk about the ring he can win as a World Series champion instead of the almost certainly nonexistent navel ring that—he maintains with a straight face—scratched him from a start in the last round.

The Red Sox left-hander will belly up to the mound to start Game 1 against Los Angeles on Tuesday night, 10 days after his last outing and nine after he was hospitalized with what the team called a "stomach illness."

Sale joked—we think—that it was from a piercing gone bad, and he kept up the ruse back in Boston.

"I'm not going to spill all of my secrets," he said.

The Red Sox, who won a franchise-record 108 games and their third straight AL East crown, are going for their fourth title in 14 years; the Dodgers, who lost to the Astros in the Series last year, will try for their first championship since 1988.

"It's going to be rocking. This place is going to be obviously going crazy," Sale said. "We've all been waiting for this. And our fans, too."

The 2017 AL Cy Young runner-up—a favorite for this year's award before arm problems down the stretch—Sale never missed a start through the end of July, when he went on the disabled list with what the team called "mild left shoulder inflammation."

He came back for one start in August but then shut it down again as the Red Sox, who had a double-digit lead in the AL East, coasted into the playoffs.

After sitting out a month, he threw 26, 42, 73 and 92 pitches in four September starts to rebuild his arm strength for the postseason. He won Game 1 of the AL Division Series against the Yankees and came on in relief in the Game 4 clincher, then got knocked around in the opener of the ALCS against Houston.

Spurs rally to keep LeBron, Lakers winless

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Patty Mills hit a go-ahead jumper with 6.8 seconds left and the San Antonio Spurs kept the Los Angeles Lakers winless with LeBron James, rallying from a six-point deficit in the final minute of overtime for a wild 143-142 victory Monday night.

James hit a tying 3-pointer with 2.4 seconds left in regulation and finished with 32 points, 14 assists and eight rebounds. But the superstar missed two free throws with 12.8 seconds to play, and Mills coolly put the Spurs ahead.

James missed a long shot at the buzzer, thoroughly deflating Staples Center.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 37 points and 10 rebounds, and DeMar DeRozan added 32 points and 14 assists as the Spurs made a tremendous rally to bounce back from a loss at Portland.

AP

San Antonio Spurs guard Patty Mills, left, shoots as Los Angeles Lakers guard Lonzo Ball defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Wizards 125, Trail Blazers 124, OT

In Portland, Markieff Morris had 28 points, including six 3-pointers, and the Wizards won their first game of the season with an overtime victory over the Trail Blazers.

Bradley Beal added 25 points for the Wizards, and Otto Porter Jr. blocked Damian Lillard's layup attempt at the final buzzer to seal the win.

Lillard had 29 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for the Trail Blazers, who lost their first game after opening the season 2-0.

Morris had a layup and a free throw to put the Wizards ahead 120-117 in overtime. Lillard's layup got Portland closer, but Morris landed a 3-pointer with 38.5 seconds left.

Lillard's jumper got Portland within a basket before John Wall's 17-footer with 10.1 second left looked to all but seal it for the Wizards. CJ McCollum made it interesting with a 3-pointer for the Blazers and Wall missed a pair of free throws, but Porter blocked Lillard's attempt to win it with a layup at the buzzer.

Warriors 123, Suns 103

In Oakland, Stephen Curry scored 15 of his 29 points in the third quarter and also had eight assists, leading the Warriors past the Suns.

Kevin Durant scored 22 points and Draymond Green dished out eight of 35 assists for the two-time defending NBA champions. Coach Steve Kerr had been disappointed in his team's passing, rushed shots and ball movement so far.

Kerr might be pleased with the progress: The Warriors shot 51.1 percent in the second of a back-to-back following a two-point loss at Denver on Sunday, which came after a one-point win Friday at Utah.

The Warriors won a 16th straight against Phoenix, their longest unbeaten run against a single team in franchise history.

Raptors 127, Hornets 106

In Toronto, Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points, Kyle Lowry had 16 points and a season-high 14 assists, and Toronto never trailed in a victory over the Hornets, the Raptors' fourth straight win to open the season.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 17 points, Danny Green had 16, and Serge Ibaka added 15 as the Raptors won for the ninth time in 11 meetings with the Hornets.

Toronto is the first NBA team to reach four wins. Denver (3-0) can match the Raptors when it hosts Sacramento on Tuesday.

Leonard returned after sitting out Saturday night's road win over Washington, the second game of a back-to-back. The two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year was limited to nine games last season because of a quadriceps injury.

Kemba Walker scored 26 points and Jeremy Lamb had 16 as the Hornets dropped their first road game of the season.

Magic 93, Celtics 90

In Boston, Nikola Vucevic had 24 points and 12 rebounds while the Orlando Magic survived two 3-point attempts by Boston in the closing seconds to beat the Celtics.

Trailing 91-90 with 14.2 seconds to play, Boston was forced to foul Evan Fournier after Orlando inbounded the ball. He stepped to the line and made both free throws with 7.8 seconds left.

Kyrie Irving then missed a 3 from the right corner, and after Al Horford grabbed the rebound and fed it out—Gordon Hayward's rimmed out just before the buzzer sounded.

Irving led the Celtics (2-2) with 22 points.

Timberwolves 101, Pacers 91

In Minneapolis, Jimmy Butler returned to Minnesota's lineup and scored 20 points to lead the Timberwolves to a win over the Pacers.

Butler, who received a mix of boos and cheers during player introductions, sat out Saturday due to precautionary rest. Karl-Anthony Towns added 17 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota, while rookie guard Josh Okogie scored 12 points off the bench.

The Wolves led by as many as nine early before Indiana cut it to one point at the half. Victor Oladipo scored 15 of his 20 points before halftime to lead the Pacers. He has now scored at least 20 points in three straight games.

Bucks 124, Knicks 113

In Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points and 15 rebounds, Khris Middleton sank a pair of late 3-pointers and the Bucks survived a furious second-half rally by New York to hold off the Knicks.

Middleton was efficient in scoring 30 points, going 7 of 8 from 3-point range. Antetokounmpo only had one 3, but it came in a big spot, giving unbeaten Milwaukee the lead for good midway through the fourth period.

Tim Hardaway Jr. led the Knicks with 24 points. Trey Burke added 19 and Mario Hezonja had 18.

Middleton's 3-pointer with 2:22 left gave the Bucks a 116-110 lead, and Eric Bledsoe and Middleton had 3s in the final two minutes as Milwaukee pulled away.

Mavericks 115, Bulls 109

In Dallas, DeAndre Jordan became the first Dallas player in 24 years to start a season with three straight double-doubles, getting 18 points and 16 rebounds to help the Mavericks beat the Bulls.

Luka Doncic scored 19 in the 19-year-old's second home game, another win that put the Mavericks (2-1) over .500 for the first time since the end of the 2015-16 season.

Zach LaVine scored 34 for the Bulls and is the third Chicago player to open a season with three straight 30-point games. The others were Michael Jordan in 1986 and Bob Love in 1971.

Wesley Matthews led six Dallas players in double figures with 20 points. Maxi Kleber, Dwight Powell and Dorian Finney-Smith scored 12 apiece.

Grizzlies 92, Jazz 84

In Salt Lake City, Mike Conley scored 23 points to lead the Grizzlies to a victory over the Jazz.

Marc Gasol finished with 18 points, 13 rebounds, and four assists before fouling out with 3:41 left. Shelvin Mack added 12 points off the bench for the Grizzlies, who picked up their first road victory despite shooting 36.9 percent (31 of 84).

Jae Crowder scored 15 points and Donovan Mitchell added 14 for the Jazz. Rudy Gobert had 11 points and 12 rebounds as Utah lost its second straight home game. The Jazz shot just 35.4 percent (29 of 82).

A trio of 3-pointers from Shelvin Mack and Wayne Seldin fueled a 16-4 run for Memphis in the fourth quarter. Garrett Temple capped the outburst with a layup that gave Grizzlies an 86-70 lead with 3:49 remaining.

South Korea vs Japan: A classic in Asian Champions League

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The second-leg semifinal of the Asian Champions League between Suwon Bluewings and Kashima Antlers offers a classic South Korea vs. Japan showdown.

Kashima came back from a two-goal deficit at home in early October to defeat Suwon 3-2 and take a narrow lead into the second leg in South Korea.

Suwon, a two-time winner of the Champions League's predecessor — the Asian Club Championship—has prepared for the second leg by reappointing Seo Jung-won as the head coach. The former international resigned in August but returned to the club last week.

"After receiving the club's request that I come back, I made up my mind," Seo said. "I had a desire to responsibly complete this season's remaining matches. We know that we have a tough job against Kashima."

Like Suwon in Korea's K-League, Kashima is out of the running for Japan's domestic title and is able to focus on solely on the Asia-wide competition.

"We fought back well to come back against Suwon," Kashima coach Go Oiwa said. "We conceded two goals however and we will have to be at our best in the return game. This is only halftime."

The match also offers an American twist.

America referee Mark Geiger is in charge of Wednesday's match as part of a referee exchange between the Asian Football Confederation and CONCACAF, the body that governs soccer in North and Central American and the Caribbean.

The winner will meet either Persepolis of Iran or Qatar's Al Sadd in November's final. The club from Tehran has the advantage after a 1-0 win in Doha in the first leg and is on the verge of making the final for the first time.

Al Sadd has a tough task. It will be helped by midfielder Gabi, who joined the Qatari club in July. There is also the excitement of playing Tuesday at Azadi Stadium in Tehran in front of a crowd that could reach 100,000.

"It's up there with the biggest stadiums in Europe, and the atmosphere is so passionate," Gabi said, who formerly played for Atletico Madrid.

Ryan throws for 379 yards, Falcons beat Giants

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Ryan is putting up MVP-like numbers, even on a team that hasn't lived up to expectations.

Matty Ice turned in another brilliant performance in prime time Monday, throwing for 379 yards and completing his final 18 passes to lead the Atlanta Falcons to their second straight victory, 23-20 over the struggling New York Giants.

"Whatever it takes to win," Ryan said. "That's the mindset we have every week."

Ryan threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Hall, Tevin Coleman broke loose on a 30-yard scoring run and the Falcons added another chapter to New York's miserable season, sending the Giants (1-6) to their fourth straight loss.

"I don't feel like we're a 1-6 team," Odell Beckham Jr. said. "That's what our record is, but that's not the feeling in the locker room."

AP

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones (11) prepares to make the catch as New York Giants cornerback Eli Apple (24) defends during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, in Atlanta.

Ryan was the league's MVP in 2016 when he led Atlanta to the Super Bowl. While these Falcons (3-4) haven't played to that level, their quarterback is putting up numbers that measure up to what he did two years ago: a 71.1 percent completion rate, 2,335 yards passing, 15 touchdowns and just two interceptions.

Ryan is only focused on the team's performance.

"To inch our way closer to .500 is a positive for us," he said.

It was also a big night for Giorgio Tavecchio, who was signed during the week to fill in for injured Atlanta kicker Matt Bryant. The native of Milan, Italy, made all three of his field goal attempts, including a 56-yarder that was the longest of his career and helped seal the victory.

"That kick was good from about 65 yards," Ryan said. "He did a great job for us coming in on short notice."

Docomo Pacific eases past Joeten 2

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Docomo Pacific saved the best for last to whip Joeten 2, 76-55, in the third game in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Up by 15 after three quarters, 62-47, Docomo Pacific finished off Joeten 2 in the fourth with a 24-8 scoring surge. Shane Deleon Guerrero made 7 markers in the final canto and five of his teammates also hit the board in that period to hand Docomo a 21-point winning margin.

Joeten 2 never recovered, as it had only three players finding their mark in the final frame. Ray Agulto had a pair of baskets, while J.P Cruz and Alvin Pua added one apiece.

Its 8 points in the fourth quarter was Joeten 2's lowest output and it also struggled in the opening quarter, allowing Docomo to take a 20-13 advantage. The quartet of Deleon Guerrero, Tony Diaz, Jason Hayes, and Robert Sanciangco combined for 18 points for Docomo in the first period.

In the second canto, Docomo was then held to 14 points, just 2 points behind Joeten 2, but the former made up for its slowdown in the third period, 28-18, to take a double-digit lead. Docomo then went for the kill in the final canto to notch its second win.

Meanwhile, CUC also gained victory No. 2 after downing Star Water, 102-91.

CUC took early control of the match, leading at 24-8 after the first period to offset Star Water's 35-point explosion in the fourth and still escape with a double-digit wining margin.

Eugene Manglona scored 10 points in the first quarter to outgun the entire Star Water crew, which was limited to three field goals and a pair of free throws. Manglona and company then had 28 markers each in the second and third periods to keep its safe distance and survive Star Water's rally in the final frame.

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with still six minutes left in the first half, as Abuy drilled 15 points in the first quarter. Sean Rabasto was also on target early, making a couple of outside shots, including a give-and-go 3-pointer that beat the first period buzzer.

With Kensington in trouble, Alipio stepped up, showcasing his versatility on the offensive end, as he muscled his way to the basket and hit long-range jumpers. He finished the first half with 12 points and brought Kensington to within 5, 42-47.

When action resumed in the third period, PIC reclaimed the double-digit lead after Rabasto's 3-pointer, 62-51. Sublemente also came alive in the third quarter, scoring 6 points in that period after being held to just 2 in the first half to keep PIC on top. However, PIC's lead went down to 8 at the end of the third, 66-58, as Alipio and Arellano registered 6 points each, helping Kensington stay in the game before falling short in the final canto.

Abuy led PIC with his 24 points, while Rafols, Rabasto, and Sublemente also finished in double digits, scoring 18, 14, and 13 respectively, to give their team a league-leading 6-1 record.

Alipio had 24 points, too, while Arellano battled through leg cramps to record 17 markers. Manzano and Webster Guntar combined for 16 markers for Kensington, which dropped to a 4-2 mark.

PIC 80 — Abuy 24, Rafols 18, Rabasto 14, Sublemente 13, Castro 6, Norita 4.

Kensington 77 — Alipio 24, Arellano 17, Manzano 8, Guntar 8, Marcelo 6, Singca 6, Keith 4, Sharry 2, Pineda 2.

Scoring by quarters: 29-19, 47-42, 66-58, 80-77.

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ing out on Arctic. Thank you for your untiring support, they are very much and always appreciated," said Alvarez, who will still meet with his team and sponsors to decide the new date of ROP 24.

"Trench Tech MMA Promotion will be advising all fight fans of the new date and rescheduled time for ROP 24, which will most likely take place in late November to early or mid December," he added.

Meanwhile, there are also off-island athletes scheduled to participate in the Micro Cup, so the organizing Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation was forced to cancel the races originally set to run from Friday to Sunday at the Kilili Beach.

"On behalf of the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sport Federation, I regretfully inform you all that the Micronesia Cup has been canceled due to Typhoon Yutu making its way to the CNMI. Once the storm has passed, the federation will meet to discuss a possible reschedule or refund of paid race fees if the event isn't rescheduled," NMNPSF president Justine Andrew said.

Ironman Saipan still a go

The Marianas Visitors Authority, in a statement sent to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday afternoon, said that Ironman 70.3 Saipan is still on.

"As of this time, Ironman 70.3 Saipan is still on schedule and a final decision will be made on the day of the event. Due to the government shutdown, we are working to finalize preparations today [yesterday]. We are also reaching out to our government partners for any anticipated extra road cleanup along the race route before Saturday morning," MVA managing director Chris Concepcion said.

GCA vs Agape finale suspended

The title match between Grace Christian Academy 1 and Agape Christian School 1 in the middle school division of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League was called off.

The winner-take-all championship match was scheduled yesterday afternoon at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, but the facility was closed late in the morning after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres issued Typhoon Condition 2 on Saipan and Tinian.

Organizers of the league have yet to announce the new date for the finals showdown between the defending champions Eagles and first time finalists Torchbearers.

BEARS

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Kiku also reached, while Henry and A.J. Lizama added one each off GSM's error at third and a wild pitch from starter Kelvin Kapileo.

Now ahead, 8-4, the Bears held GSM to one run in the fifth and silenced of their foes in the last four innings to win the opener. Kaipat posted GSM's lone run in the final five innings off Roy Celis' single and the team had multiple chances to reach home from the sixth to ninth, but was repeatedly frustrated by the Bears' defense.

GSM had two runners stranded at first and second at the top of the sixth when shortstop Kiku Lizama grounded out Camacho. GSM earlier had two batters called for flyouts. Then at the top of the seventh, two managed to make it to third, but Kaipat went down on a 6-2 play, while Tomokane was left stranded after the Bears forced a double play.

The Bears continued to thwart GSM at the top of the eighth where the latter loaded the bases with two outs only to fall short anew after Tomokane flied out at shortstop. Then in the last inning, GSM was called for two quick outs with Celis going down on a 5-3 play and closer A.J. Lizama striking out Pat Alepuyo. Lancaster Secharmedal was next at bat, singled, and then made it to second, but was beaten to third, ending Game 1 in favor of the Bears.

Game 2 is originally set for today, but may be canceled due to Typhoon Yutu.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	4	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	1½
Boston	2	2	.500	2
Brooklyn	1	2	.333	2½
New York	1	3	.250	3

Southeast Division

Charlotte	2	2	.500	—
Orlando	2	2	.500	—
Miami	1	2	.333	½
Atlanta	1	2	.333	½
Washington	1	2	.333	½

Central Division

Milwaukee	3	0	1.000	—
Detroit	2	0	1.000	½
Indiana	2	2	.500	1½
Cleveland	0	3	.000	3
Chicago	0	3	.000	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

New Orleans	2	0	1.000	—
Memphis	2	1	.667	½
San Antonio	2	1	.667	½
Dallas	2	1	.667	½
Houston	1	2	.333	1½

Northwest Division

Denver	3	0	1.000	—
Portland	2	1	.667	1
Minnesota	2	2	.500	1½
Utah	1	2	.333	2
Oklahoma City	0	3	.000	3

Pacific Division

Golden State	3	1	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	2	1	.667	½
Sacramento	1	2	.333	1½
Phoenix	1	2	.333	1½
L.A. Lakers	0	3	.000	2½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	214	179
Miami	4	3	0	.571	151	177
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	182	176
Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	81	175

South

Houston	4	3	0	.571	155	144
Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	106	127
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	116	146
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	189	185

North

Pittsburgh	3	2	1	.583	171	154
Cincinnati	4	3	0	.571	184	203
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	176	101
Cleveland	2	4	1	.357	151	177

West

Kansas City	6	1	0	.857	260	182
L.A. Chargers	5	2	0	.714	195	163
Denver	3	4	0	.429	165	164
Oakland	1	5	0	.167	110	176

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Washington	4	2	0	.667	126	121
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	154	138
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	140	123
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	.167	117	162

South

New Orleans	5	1	0	.833	204	163
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	142	131
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	167	196
Atlanta	2	4	0	.333	167	192

North

Minnesota	4	2	1	.643	177	165
Green Bay	3	2	1	.583	148	144
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	157	158
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	170	134

West

L.A. Rams	7	0	0	1.000	235	128
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	143	117
Arizona	1	6	0	.143	92	184
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	158	218

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fun in the Son 5K Run

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Ayano Braxton smiles for the camera as she makes a turn just past the Quartermaster Road on her way back to the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion during the Fun in the Son 5K Run held last Saturday.

Three runners are on their way to the turnaround point of the 5K event.

IT&E's Vic Regis is all smiles, as he is halfway done in the 5K race.

Barefoot runner Chang Whan Jang is halfway through the race.

Raymund Tolentino, left, is slightly ahead of Nap Dizon as they make their way back to the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion.

Noel Conti leads a small group of runners making the turn past the Quartermaster Road.

Gary Bandoja waves at the volunteers station at the turnaround point of the race.

Runners approach the turnaround point of the race.

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Bears take finals opener

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears 2018 drew first blood in the championship series in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League after beating Go See Mark, 8-5, last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The pennant champions scored five runs at the bottom of the fourth inning to regain the lead and kept it as the Bears shut down GSM in the last four to take Game 1 of the best-of-five title series.

The opener was played a week after the league took a break to give way to a tournament and both teams showed some signs of rust at the start of Game 1. The Bears and GSM were held to one run each in the first inning. Henry Lizama's sacrifice bunt brought Bears leadoff batter Kiku Lizama home at the bottom of the first, while earlier at the top, Bryon Kaipat's single drove in Lorenzo Sebaklim.

GSM then failed to score in the second, but combined for three runs in the next two for the precarious 4-3 lead. Kaipat scored at the top of the third off a fielder's choice, while Pete Tomokane made an RBI double, and GSM's lone run at the top of the fourth came from Diego Camacho, who was brought in by Sebaklim.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Chalan Kanoa Bears players and coaches exchange high-fives during Game 1 of their semis series against the Aces in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League early this month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Bears are in the finals and won Game 1 of their best-of-five title showdown against Go See Mark.

The Bears were shut down at the bottom of the third after drilling two runs in the second—off Shakobe Rangamar's RBI single and a GSM error—to lose the upper hand. They then reclaimed the driver's seat at the bottom of the fourth after drawing a two-run single from Kiku Lizama.

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PIC fends off Kensington's rally

ROBY N. PAMINTUAN

Kensington Hotel and Pacific Islands Club Saipan players battle for the rebound during their game in the IT&E Emon Lodge caging last Monday night at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan stiff-armed Kensington Hotel's comeback attempt to pull off an 80-77 victory in the curtain-raiser in the 2018 IT&E Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 Mixed Masters Brotherhood Basketball League last Monday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

PIC Saipan drew crucial baskets from Butch Sublemente in the fourth quarter and knocked in important free throws to withstand Kensington's rally.

Kensington, which fell behind by double digits in the first half on several occasions, claimed the lead for the first time, 73-72, when it outgunned PIC Saipan, 15-6, in a seven-minute stretch. Jun Alipio nailed the go-ahead basket with his fastbreak layup, while Jomac Manzano sparked the rally with his 8 straight points. However, Kensington failed to hang on to the lead, as it was held to two field goals the rest of the way and missed several free throws.

PIC Saipan, on the other hand, got two baskets from Sublemente, two free throws from James Abuy, and one each from Sean Rabasto and Paulo Rafols in the closing minutes to secure the win.

Before Kensington's fightback, PIC enjoyed the biggest lead (17) in the game, 41-24,

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24 DAYS
KAN PACIFIC POOL
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ROP 24, Micronesian Cup canceled

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This weekend's Rites of Passage 24: Ragin' Rumble and the 20th Micronesian Cup have been called off due to Typhoon Yutu.

"I met with my events coordination and logistics team this morning and got a consensus on what we should do about the event this Friday. Due to the potential threat and uncertainty and strength of Yutu, we have decided to cancel and reschedule the show to a later date," said Cuki Alvarez of Trench Tech, the promoter of ROP 24.

Alvarez added that several fighters from Guam will not be able to make it to Saipan with the looming threat of Typhoon Yutu.

"I just received a message from Arctic Circle Air that they are canceling all flights this Thursday and majority of our off-island fighters are fly-

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Marianas Pacific Paddlers members race in the 1,000m event of last year's Micronesian Cup in Guam.